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'Has Vale Council thought through the future of Rondel House?' — ASKS BARRY COUNCILLOR

A Vale councillor
claims that elderly
people who use
Rondel House as
their main meeting
point, and are hav-
ing to leave to make

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

way for people with
dementia, could
cost the Vale
Council more in the
long run.

Rondel House in
Barry was built in the
1970s by the Round
Table Organisation and
given to the social ser-
vices department of the
Vale Council.

Coun Margaret
Alexander told The
GEM that since it
opened generations of
elderly people have
attended it as a social
refuge where lunch is
served for a small
charge.

There were games
and entertainment, and
transport in a minibus
was available also for a
small charge.

But Coun Alexander,
in whose Buttrills ward
Rondel House stands, is
concerned at the reor-
ganisation that is going
on, and has been con-
tacted by concerned
members of the com-
munity.

She explained: "Now
its function is in the

process of being
changed to a day centre
for people with demen-
tia and other problems.

"People might think
there is nothing wrong
with that, except the
original users are being
'chucked out', to put it
crudely, unless they
undergo an assessment
and travel to Rondel
House on a mini bus.

"Many of the current
users are not in the best
of health but they man-
age to lead independent
lives at no cost to the
council, because they
have the regular weekly
sanctuary of Rondel
House."

However, Coun
Alexander pointed out
that being deprived of
the chance to meet
friends could have an
adverse effect on the
well-being of some of
the elderly people who
regularly attended
Rondel House.

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Airport's plans pass first hurdle

PLANS to spend £26.5 million on improving access to
Cardiff Airport took a small step forward last
week.

The Welsh Government was granted permission
by the European Commission (EC) to spend £5 mil-
lion of public money on the scheme.

A spokesman for the Welsh Government told The
GEM that going ahead without EC approval would
breach competition rules.

However, he warned that no decision had been
taken, as there was a new Minister in charge now.
Responsibility for transport has moved from Ieuan
Wyn Jones to Carl Sargeant.

Mr Sargeant will have to discuss with fellow min-
isters if the money is available, and only then could
discussions take place with the airport operators,
who would be expected to find the other £21.5 mil-
lion.

Councillor sings praises of Friday Club volunteers



LEFT: More than 42
people attended the
Drop In Centre
Development Trust's
Friday Club at
Castleland Community
Centre when a hair and
nails session was held
last week. Beci and
Janine treated girl club
members to nail polish-
ing and hair styling.
Coun Pam Drake
attended and thanked
community volunteers
for the work they do on
behalf of children and
young people in the
area.

Contact the Drop In
Centre on 01446
403549 for more infor-
mation.

COMMUNITY ORDER FOR A BARRY BUSINESSMAN

A BARRY busi-
nessman has been
sentenced to a 12-
month community
order after he
admitted an offence
of theft.

Richard Drew (46)
had admitted the charge
and was committed by
Vale Magistrates to
Cardiff Crown Court for
sentence.

In addition, he is to be
subject to a supervision
order for a year, and to
carry out 100 hours
unpaid work. He is also
to be subject to a three-
month curfew from
10pm to 6am, and to be
electronically tagged.

Recorder Graint
Walter said: "What you
admit doing was to sell a
valuable machine not
belonging to you at all.
The loss is about
£9,000."

He added: "If I were
to send you to prison,
you could not complain
about it."

Prosecutor Gareth
Evans said that Drew
was in business with
Brian Britton, a silent
partner. The business
was known as Tyres 4U.

Last year, a tyre
charger worth £9,000
was leased. In February,
Mr Britton was informed
that the company had

ceased to trade, the busi-
ness premises closed
down and equipment
was removed.

The police went to
Drew's home and he
said: "I admit I stole the
tyre charger and
received £1,300 for it.
He said he was aware
that it had been leased.

Drew's counsel, Lucy
Crowther, said: "The
machine was sold to pay
business debts."

She said that debts of
more than £3,000
remained. Drew himself
had also invested
money, ran the business
and was to receive £200,
but he was never paid

and was owed £5,000.

"He is in a dire finan-
cial position and current-
ly receives benefit. He is
in a dreadful position,"
she added.

The judge warned
Drew: "Breach this
order and the inevitable
will happen."

AJ SICLUNA

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The Cowbridge Book Festival raised £7,800 for Leukaemia Lymphoma Research

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank all the authors for their wonderful presentations and enthusiastic support at the recent Cowbridge Book Festival.

The festival would not have been possible without the help and cooperation of Sally Perini and her team at Old Hall, the Reverend Heather Weddell and members of the United Free Church, Melanie Weeks and her staff at the library, and the management at the Bear Hotel.

Throughout, we had excellent venues and the Old Hall and United Free Church were looking pristine after their recent facelifts.

Jaci Harries, Brynmor Williams, Chris Howard, Viv Charlton, Rebecca Lloyd James, Meic Griffiths and Catherine Thomas had all done their homework and as a result proved to be articulate and effective moderators for each event.

The impressive photographic exhibition was the work of Mike Davies and Dave Allen, while Maggie Cooper and her

band of stall holders created a great atmosphere with their Vintage and Craft Fair.

Many thanks also to David Barnes (dry cleaners), all our advertisers and our hard working volunteers.

Jon and Angela Munn of Janda Photography set up a wonderful website which can still be accessed to view festival photographs see www.cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk. We were grateful for financial support from Alchemy Wealth Management, Chepstow.

I would like to express my gratitude to the team at The GEM and especially Tim Chapman who has supported us with great enthusiasm and encouragement throughout.

I would like to thank all those who supported the event and also the many people who sent donations.

I am sure your readers will be delighted to hear that over £7,800 was raised for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Stella Cheeseman, Cowbridge

'Selfish parking in our street'

I CANNOT agree more about the subject of selfish parking (aired in The GEM letters page) as we have the same problem.

It plainly says in big white letters on the street 'Residents Only' and it's mainly elderly people here. Where would an ambulance go if anything happened? And we have 'disabled' cars parked here also...

Some people are so inconsiderate and selfish, saying: "We have four cars but nowhere else to put them."

To me, that's their problem!

Alex Campbell, Barry.

Thank you, Valeways

I JUST wanted to thank Valeways for a fabulous walk on Saturday, May 14, when I joined the Castle-Upon-Alun circular walk with Margaret and Ian.

It was a stunning walk and hugely enjoyable, thanks to our guides.

I'll certainly be joining and taking part in future walks.

Thanks again.

Leigh Forman, Laleston.

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Cowbridge will be in bloom again (soon!)

I REFER to Lyn Richards' letter in the GEM last week concerning the efforts of voluntary organisations whose admirable efforts benefit Cowbridge.

One stalwart group also worthy of mention is Cowbridge in Bloom, which for some 20 years has collected funds, and arranged and watered the hanging baskets that adorn the lamp posts along the high street.

We have a committee of six and a watering group of typically 16.

The winter plants were splendid throughout the cold winter but have suffered recently from the lack of rain; however, we will be replacing them with summer plants next weekend.

So if you are up early enough this Sunday you will spot two teams, with ladders and brooms, working their way along the high street, lamp post by lamp post, replacing all

72 baskets.

Back to the voluntary bit, we are now planning the watering rota – you will doubtless have seen the Cowbridge in Bloom water bowser making its leisurely way along the high street, and perhaps felt that you too would like to make a public spectacle of yourself.

Well, I am happy to say that now is your chance – we are recruiting!

Job description: time and commitment: Two sessions of one to two hours in one week, sometime from early June to mid-September, arranged to suit.

Duties: working as a pair, collect and fill the bowser from premises at the top of the main road, water each lamp post on one side on your way down to the end, refill and water the other side on your way back up.

Person specification: ideal candidate is one who has lots of friends who would also like to join too but in practice, anyone will do.

Salary: nil.

Public meeting on traffic wardens

I WOULD like to bring something to the attention of my neighbours in Newlands Street, Barry, and residents of surrounding streets who are clearly as concerned as we are about the non-existence of traffic wardens in the Vale.

Unfortunately, the consequence of not having traffic wardens has brought thoughtless motorists that are treating our street as a car park, regardless of signs stating permit times and permit holders-only bays.

Well, enough is enough. Coun Margaret

Alexander and Coun Stuart Egan are organising a public meeting for the residents from Newlands Street, on June 17, at 7pm in the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road.

They have invited the head of visible services at the Vale Council to address this issue.

It will also give the residents of Newlands Street a chance to air their concerns on this matter.

Hopefully, residents of surrounding streets will come and join us on the night, so their views can also be noted – as this seems to me not to be an isolated issue.

Pauline Inch (nee Moore)

Call to the Marines!

C ALLING all Royal Marines or ex-Royal Marines, come and join us, Royal Marine Association (Glamorgan branch).

We meet at the Conservative Club in Caerphilly on the second Wednesday of the month.

Colin Foley (01446 411307), John Roberts (0195 201359).

Rewards: a sense of inner smugness, amusing remarks from passers-by, excuse for a beer in a local hostelry while re-filling the bowser in the Arthur John courtyard, and an evening get-together in the mayor's parlour in September with booze and food provided.

Applications: please ring Harry Jones on

07814 468098 or David Phillips on 01446 773810.

Success guaranteed, there will be no interviews – this is a genuine plea for help as there is a real need for assistance for what needs to be a communal effort to benefit the community! Harry Jones (Committee coordinator, Cowbridge in Bloom)

'The Vale Council has got it wrong'

I T is a great shame indeed that the Vale of Glamorgan Council cabinet has decided to ride roughshod over a schoolboy's winning entry to name the new Welsh-medium seed school in Barry, presumably for political reasons.

Gwynfor Evans deserves his place in Welsh political history and is well remembered for his work for the language. It seems spiteful to dishonour his memory in such a fashion.

Our council is a top performer in many areas and I am very proud to be among its number of members, but I'm afraid this time our leaders have got it badly wrong.

Chris Williams
Dinas Powys

WHERE NOW FOR WASTE DISPOSAL?

SUBSEQUENT to our omnipo-tent leaders making the monumental decision that it is no longer necessary to collect household refuse on a weekly basis, many caring citizens are now obliged to pay a fortnightly visit to the nearest disposal area.

This journey, apart from being potentially harmful to a vehicle's transmission, wheel rims and suspension may also (and I am sure quite unknowingly) be creating an unforeseen issue that should be considered.

Instead of one efficient diesel vehicle delivering many tons of waste to an official disposal area, we now have a situation where a veritable plethora of householders are, and I stress, in the interests of 'Health and Hygiene', compelled to transport their household refuse by private car which may, *per se*, create an additional environmental problem.

That being: Additional CO2 and CO emissions,

or so-called 'carbon footprint'. I return to the crux of the matter – hot weather, and the ramifications of attempting to store, or otherwise dispose of, potentially harmful waste.

The supplied containers appear to be little more than a glorified 'Bait Box' and of little practical use.

Therefore, it is assumed that any biological waste such as disposable nappies, residues in pet and other food containers, i.e. tins, jars or from the dining table, may well generate an issue, that many of our citizens may attempt to rectify, by disposing of these noxious substances via the foul drainage system – placing an additional load on water treatment plant.

It seems apparent that the jobs of a group of important workers have been sacrificed in the name of cost-cutting.

Having spent more than 20 years living and working in developing countries, where the ubiquitous stench of rotting waste constantly fills your nostrils, I ponder as to what the future holds. John W Radcliffe

'Vale Council out of order'

'Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynfor name is not political'

THE Tory-run Vale Council is totally out of order for not accepting 'Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynfor' as a name for a new school in Barry.

Despite a child coming up with the winning name in a competition, the cabinet has shamefully ignored this and now chosen the name 'Nant Talwg'.

I am extremely angered and outraged at this snub. I believe the name Gwynfor Evans should stand because he was an important figure from the town. Not only was he a Barry man, but he is also listed fourth in a list of all-time 100 Welsh heroes.

Yet the Tory cabinet on the Vale Council have chosen to ignore our local school children's winning idea for the new name for a Welsh medium school As an opposition

councillor on the Vale Council, I feel that it is disgraceful that the ruling party are acting this way as this is sending out the wrong message to our children.

I note that the reason for refusing the name proposed is because they say it is political. This is certainly NOT the case as he was chosen on the grounds that he was a world-famous Barry person.

Having spoken to many parents about this matter, they are of the same opinion that the name 'Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynfor' should remain, and I have to agree with them – they are absolutely right.

I will now be writing to both the director of education and the cabinet member for lifelong learning, urging them to accept the winning name.

Coun Richard Bertin, Barry

'Blinkered view on anti-social behaviour in Llantwit Major'

I AM writing regarding the letter published by The GEM about anti-social behaviour in Llantwit Major.

The points raised by your reader, Rachel Redwood, are 100 per cent accurate. I too am a local resident in the old part of town and, therefore, I can verify all the points raised by her.

I think its disgraceful that Inspector Mark Taylor should say that there are no public order

problems in the town. Is he suggesting that local residents are making up the problems that have been highlighted?

I suggest that he should be on duty in Llantwit every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night for the next six weeks. He may then change his views.

It is no wonder that there is so much anti-social behaviour in the town if this is the blinkered attitude from the police.

D Hartley, Llantwit Major

MUM'S THANKS

I WISH to thank the two ladies who brought my son home after he had fall in Park Coes on Saturday, May 21.

Clare Hale, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 9)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
02 Thur	08.29	9.2	20.39	9.3
03 Fri	09.07	9.3	21.25	9.4
04 Sat	09.41	9.3	22.02	9.4
05 Sun	10.21	9.2	22.39	9.3
06 Mon	11.11	9.1	23.24	9.1
07 Tues	11.55	8.9		
08 Wed	00.17	8.9	12.47	8.6
09 Thur	01.10	8.7	13.48	8.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Suspended sentence for Barry man after crowbar attack in a man's home

ARMED with a crowbar, a man smashed his way into a flat in Barry and attacked the occupant.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that Brian Payne (41) of Barry, believed that Mark Forrester had committed an offence against a relative.

Payne, of Barry, admitted a charge of aggravated burglary and was sentenced to 50 weeks imprisonment. You suspended for two years and made subject to a

supervision order for 18 months.

He was also directed to carry out 150 hours unpaid work for the community.

Judge David Wynn Morgan told him: "The fact of the matter is you had no business to do what you did. It is easy for the court to say that. But there are agencies who could have dealt with this matter."

"You let yourself down and what you did was a wicked thing. You broke into someone's home, but it is obvious

by AJ SICLUNA

you quickly came to your senses. You have excellent employment and good references."

Prosecutor Ruth Smith said that on November 12 last year, Mr Forrester was in his flat in Holton Road, Barry, watching TV when he heard a banging and heard shouting "You are going to get it."

A door was smashed down and Mr Forrester was punched four or five times to the face.

Payne told him he had a crowbar and was going to finish him off.

Mr Forrester was able to call 999.

He suffered cuts to an

eye and his nose and a sore jaw.

The crowbar had been concealed in an umbrella and was not used.

After the incident, Payne said: "Sorry about this," and shook hands with Mr Forrester. He took £8 from the flat.

When the police arrived, Payne said: "I might as well tell you the truth, I went in there and gave him a hiding."

He said he believed Mr Forrester had committed an offence against a relation. The police investigated the matter but the Crown

Prosecution Service decided not to proceed.

Payne's counsel, Matthew Cobb, said: "He has an excellent work ethic and is a valued

employee of the local authority. The defendant had made his own enquiries concerning the allegation."

He said that one could not imagine what Payne had gone through, believing what he did, and he became enraged and was unable to think clearly.

"The injuries concerned show that he came to his senses. Had he intended causing serious harm, the attack would have continued."

"Plainly this crosses the custody threshold, but the sentence could be suspended because the circumstances are so

unlike.

"He is fully remorseful, and custody would devastate his family."

Anger grows over council name 'snub' to patriot Gwynfor

LAST week in The GEM, a Vale councillor lamented the news that a competition-winning name for a new school in Barry - 'Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynfor' - had not been accepted by the Vale Council.

Coun Steffan Wiliam said that with next year being the centenary of Gwynfor Evans' birth and with the Welsh National Eisteddfod coming to the Vale, it was a wonderful idea by local children to name a school after him.

Coun Wiliam pointed out: "He was an important figure in the development of the history of Wales in the 20th Century and came fourth when the National Assembly sponsored an independent survey of 100 Welsh heroes."

However, the Vale Council said it had chosen the name Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talw'g - named for the local Talwg stream, 'nant' meaning stream in Welsh - from a list of "seven excellent suggestions".

A Vale Council spokeswoman added: "The council does not consider it appropriate to name a school after

any political figure."

In this week's postbag (see page 2) Coun Wiliam drew support from fellow councillors, albeit those in opposition.

Independent council member, Coun Richard Bertin remarked: "I am extremely angered and outraged at this snub. I believe the name Gwynfor Evans should stand because he was an important figure from the town."

"I note that the reason for refusing the name proposed is because they say it is political."

"This is certainly not the case, as he was chosen on the grounds that he was a world-famous Barry person."

Coun Chris Williams of Plaid Cymru stated: "It is a great shame indeed that the Vale Council cabinet have decided to ride roughshod over a schoolboy's winning entry to name the new Welsh-medium seed school in Barry, presumably for political reasons."

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COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

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'You plumbed the depths of callous fraud' – says Judge

Local man defrauded his vulnerable clients – and even his own father, court is told

A CROOKED independent financial advisor who defrauded dozens of clients out of investments totalling more than £2.25 million has been jailed for seven years at Cardiff Crown Court.

David Wood (48) of Cowbridge, was told by the Recorder of Cardiff, Judge Nicholas Cooke: "This is a grave case of its kind. You plumbed the depths of callous fraud."

Wood admitted more than 50 charges involving using a false instrument, deception, theft and fraud.

The offences occurred over a period of seven years and on one occasion, Wood even stole his father's life savings.

Prosecutor Roger Griffiths said Woods had operated as a financial adviser in the Cardiff and Bridgend areas.

Mr Griffiths said that on one occasion he stole his father's life savings of £30,000 and took out a mortgage on his father's house for £135,000 by pretending

Report by AJ SICLUNA

RIGHT: David Wood has received a seven-year jail sentence.

his father was earning £45,000 a year, but he was in fact retired.

Many investors, said Mr Griffiths, were falsely told that investments were doing well and Woods produced false documents which he "had doctored".

A sick child's trust fund was defrauded, as were three widows.

Also victims were a man who had invested his compensation for a back injury, as was his elderly mother, who suffered dementia.

The court heard that a school friend of Wood was also a victim and he too lost his life savings.

The judge said he had to sentence Wood for a seven year course of conduct which caused "heartache, devastation and financial ruin to persons who trusted him."

For many years Wood had enjoyed a "comfortable lifestyle" all the time covering up his wrongdoing.

The judge added: "No sentence can undo the harm you have



done."

He said he was also aware of the dreadful effects of the offences on Wood's own family.

The judge added: "You stooped so low as to steal from and defraud your own father."

There was, said the judge, "callous exploitation".

Wood's solicitor David Campbell said people had invested their money, which many had had through misfortune, and were particularly vulnerable.

But many who had invested did not lose.

"The effect on his family's life has been catastrophic. He has separated from his wife, and his house has been repossessed.

"He has lost everything and his career has gone. There is shame and remorse and he has experienced many nightmares."

Mr Campbell said that Wood had been honest and co-operated in the police investigation and his guilty pleas reflected his genuine remorse.

"His losses are substantial. He has lost the respect and love of those closest to him and this will remain for the rest of his life."

Mr Campbell said he didn't seek to minimise the suffering Wood had caused to many people.

He said that in the 1990s, Wood's business had been under financial pressure.

But in the community he was regarded as successful and was well liked.

"He had a very comfortable lifestyle, which was funded by dishonesty, and he could not admit to clients, friends, his wife and family that he was not successful."

Wood was said to have no previous convictions and Mr Griffiths said the prosecution costs had totalled £10,000.

FAMILIES GET BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING



ABOVE: Family first-aiders at High Street Primary school.

Factory farming and libraries on ladies' agenda

THE usual weekly and monthly meetings took place during April and May, and the meeting in April was a great success when the Vale Male Choir – seven men – entertained us!

The ladies joined in the singing and afterwards the men joined the ladies for a cuppa and a chat.

The monthly meeting in May was Resolutions. These were: 1. Urging a planning ban on factory farming.

President June gave an account of the pros and cons of this – large scale farms for up to 4,000 cows or more and with a rather short life span. The members were against this – except for one.

News from BARRY WI

Resolution 2 urged the government to maintain support for local libraries. June spoke on this, pointing out all the difficulties it would entail with the closure of mobile and small libraries.

It would cause problems for the elderly people and schoolchildren in the areas affected by these closures.

The ladies were rather concerned that there has not been a lot of publicity on this subject.

A letter is being sent to the council pointing this out.

For further details of events and meetings for Barry WI, contact the secretary on 01446 410139. JC

BASIC first aid concerning babies and toddlers was the theme of an emergency first aid session at High Street Primary School.

Hywel Owen, deputy headteacher, and Wyn Gower, site manager from St Richard Gwyn RC High School, trained an enthusiastic group of parents and grandparents on preventative first aid, as well as dealing with emergencies.

Parents and grand-

parents also joined in a practical session using the resuscitation dummies and also practiced the recovery position.

Parent Nicola Cummings said: "The training was an excellent opportunity to brush up on essential first aid procedures. It was very hands on and enjoyed by everyone."

"The school arranged the training at the request of parents and we are very grateful to Mrs Matthews and Mrs Scott for organising it."

NEWS FROM BARRY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

THE speaker at the last guild meeting was Terry Ewington from the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI).

He is based at Nell's Point, Barry Island, the first to be opened in Wales, on February 16, 2007.

The NCI was set up in 1994, as a result of a tragic incident at Bass Point on the Lizard.

In 1994, there was only one station, but now there are 44 stations along the coastline of Great Britain.

At the Barry Station, there are 50 fully-trained volunteers, men and women.

They work shifts of four hours, and keep a daylight watch 365 days of the year.

They work with the various emergency services, who then plot

and report to the Coastguard.

NCI at Nell's Point receive no funding from central Government, but have had a grant from the Vale Council, and also from the town mayor.

Fundraising for the station relies on local residents and business people. They hold an open day in July, and a collection day on May 26.

It takes £3,500 to £5,000 to run the station each year.

We were shown various slides. This is a valuable institution and everyone should spread the story about the wonderful work done by NCI.

The next guild meeting will be on June 13, when the speaker will be Mrs Younghusband, who will be speaking about her life in the RAF.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (DOCK VIEW ROAD (PART) AND THOMPSON ST (PART) BARRY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME AND REVOCATION) ORDER 2011

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than twenty one days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedule below:

Full details of the proposals, to include the proposed Order and plan no T/11/32/CEP may be inspected at the Vale of Glamorgan Council at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (Ref. IF634) in writing by 23rd June 2011 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

Make new Order.
No waiting at anytime.
Dock View Road Barry.

On its south side from a point 37 metres east of its junction with Thompson Street for a distance of 38 metres east.

In The County Council of South Glamorgan (Traffic Regulation) (Barry No.1) Order 1975. TRO 127

Schedule 2 paragraph 2.

Amend entry to read "That length which extends from its junction with Thompson Street for a distance of 40 metres east and from a point 83 metres east of that junction to its junction with Station Street."

Revoke

The County Council of South Glamorgan (Thompson Street, Barry) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 1995. TRO 267

Dated this 2nd day of June 2011

M. Punter

Head of Visible Services

Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2011 AR GYFER

GORCHYMYN (DIRYMU A GWAHARDD AROS AR UNRHYW ADEG) RHANNAU O DOCK VIEW ROAD A THOMPSON STREET, Y BARRI

Bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranau 1 a 2 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddwygiedig), a phob p. er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn ymhen o leiaf un diwrnod ag hugain ar ôl dyddiad y Gorchymyn hwn i'r dibenion cyffredinol a nodwyd yn yr Atodlen isod:

Cewch weld y cynigion llawn, gan gynnwys y Gorchymyn arfaethedig a chynllun T/11/32/CEP yn Nghyngor Bro Morgannwg yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Dylech gyfeirio unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig i Bennaeith Gwasanaethau Gweladwy (Cyf. IF 634) ar ffurf llythyr erbyn 23 Mehefin 2011, gan egluro'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

Os oes gennych wrthwynebiad i'r Gorchymyn, cofiwch fod gan y cyhoedd hawl o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985 i weld unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cael eu gwneud, a bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor i ddarparu ar gyfer hynny.

ATODLEN

Gwnewch Orchymyn newydd.
Gwahardd aros ar unrhyw adeg.
Dock View Road, Y Barri.

Ar ei hochr dde o fan sy'n 37 metr i'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd â Thompson Street am 38 metr i gyfeiriad y dwyrain.

Gorchymyn (Rheoli Traffig) (Y Barri 1) Cyngor Sir De Morgannwg 1975. TRO 127

Atodlen 2 paragraff 2.

Newidwch y cofnod i hyn "y darn hwnnw sy'n ymestyn o'i chyffordd â Thompson Street am 40 metr i'r dwyrain ac o fan 83 metr i'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd honno hyd at ei chyffordd â Station Street."

Dirymwch y gorchymyn hwn

Gorchymyn (Gwahardd Aros) (Thompson Street, Y Barri)
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Dyddiedig 2 Mehefin 2011

M. Punter

Pennaeith Gwasanaethau Gweladwy, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Penarth Fayre

THE Children's Society annual spring fayre takes place this Saturday (June 4) at 10am-12 noon in the Paget Rooms, Penarth.

Stalls include home-made cakes, preserves, plants, gifts, lucky parcels, books, etc., plus raffle. Admission 50p including refreshments.

Bunny found

BEAUTIFUL large grey rabbit found in Churchfields area of Barry on Sunday, May 29.

The rabbit is clearly a well cared-for pet and I am sure the owner must be missing this beautiful animal.

Please telephone 01446 744633 if you have any information.
Alison Moya

COULD ELDERLY LOSE THEIR SOCIAL LIFE DUE TO RONDEL HOUSE REORGANISATION?

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

She said: "Too many research documents have stated that loneliness and isolation leads to clinical depression and ill health in the elderly."

"The deprivation of Rondel House will leave many of its current clients in that situation, needing medical and social care – all at great cost to the council."

"The director of social services claimed in a members' meeting that the older people's service of the Vale Council was not in the business of preventative care of the elderly."

"What a lack of vision and economic sense!"

"Some of the current attendees at Rondel House are in their 90s, and though movement is a bit laboured, intellectually and socially, they are as bright as a button

and live at no cost to the council, but thrive on their visits to Rondel House."

"The last time I visited, I spoke to two ladies in their 90s who were still very bright."

DEMENTIA

The GEM understands that alterations are currently taking place at Rondel House in preparation for helping with EMI and people with dementia.

Coun Alexander claimed: "It is fairly typical that when considering policy changes the Vale Council always leaves the risk assessment to the last minute, so it has no ideas about what to do with these older people."

Coun Alexander said officers had mentioned negotiation with the voluntary sector, which she pointed out was suffering cuts in funding, but nothing had been forthcoming.

"Some of the people are going to the Master Mariner public house twice a week for lunch, which, of course, they have to pay for. Some of the ladies are not keen on going to a pub though."

She said: "Cost is another issue. The department alleges that the costs of lunch and transport are too low. Whose fault is that?"

"Most departments in the council monitor the costs of any services they provide on a regular basis and increase them in line with inflation."

"What has the Social Services department been doing over the last three years?"

IMPRESSED

Coun Alexander emphasised that whatever the role of Rondel House, she had always been impressed by its staff.

"The staff have given a sterling service over the

years to the old people who have attended."

"I have visited there on many occasions and have often marvelled at the sense of humour and hard work of the staff and the nice way most of them related to the old people."

"The staff were trained to treat the clients with care and respect. How unpleasant then for them now to have the task of decanting these old people to who knows where?"

QUESTION

Coun Alexander posed the question: "Is the champion for older people aware of this? Has she visited Rondel House to see what is happening and to listen to the concerns of these very upset old people?"

Earlier this year, The GEM reported on how the treasurer of a social committee representing 37 people

who regularly went to Rondel House described the venue as 'a lifeline' for local elderly people.

REVIEW

The Vale Council told The GEM that it was currently undertaking a review of adult day services provision to further support people who wish to stay in their own homes for as long as possible.

A spokeswoman explained: "Proposals to modernise and upgrade the facilities available to adults eligible for day care services are currently the subject of a consultation exercise."

"A day service for older people is currently provided at Rondel House in Barry and the proposals for the new service are that this will continue to be a base for older people's day services."

"It is proposed that the current facilities at Rondel

House are improved to ensure that we are able to continue to provide the kind of services that will be required both now and in the future."

The spokeswoman also pointed out: "The council is aware that some of the people who access the service do so without having had an assessment."

ASSESSED

"We have already reassured these people that they can be assessed should they wish to continue to attend Rondel House or if they have the need for any other services."

"This has recently been confirmed in writing and the letters have included details of how to go about getting this assessment."

"A number of this group has already made this approach and we have begun to complete the

assessments."

The spokeswoman said the council is aware that some individuals may choose not to be assessed and therefore would not be able to access the services at Rondel House in the future.

The Champion for Older People, Coun Dorothy Turner, confirmed: "The consultation process has enabled many people to raise issues with social services and these will be considered by the cabinet before a final decision is made on this matter."

"I can confirm that discussions are already taking place with regard to what services can be made available in the local area for people who would benefit from socialisation but do not wish to access the service provided by social services"

BARRY MAN IS JAILED AFTER ASSAULTING HIS PARTNER

AFTER assaulting his partner, a man threw a tin of white paint over her car, causing damage of £750, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Geraint Morse (42), unemployed of Barry, was

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

jailed for a total of 32 weeks. He had admitted charges of attempted burglary, assault, criminal damage and was in breach of a suspended sentence imposed for going equipped for theft and possessing amphetamine.

Judge David Wynn Morgan said: "You are 42, and you really ought to stop this kind of behaviour."

Prosecutor John Probert said that in February this year, the police were called to a house in the Vere Street area of Barry and spotted Morse trying to hide.

He had on him a hammer and a pocketknife, and an attempt had been made to burgle a nearby house.

Blood found on a doorframe matched that of Morse.

Mr Probert said he also attacked his partner, Michelle Miller, by grabbing her by the throat.

Morse was said to have convictions for 92 offences, including harassment, breach of a restraining order in respect of another woman, theft from a car, going equipped for theft, possessing drugs and burglary.

His solicitor, Keiron Malloy, said: "He is very ashamed of these offences. While in custody Ms Miller visited him."

He said Morse accepted his position, but he had had a drug problem, becoming addicted to cannabis and amphetamine.

Choir sings for Marie Curie

ON Friday, May 20, a very successful charity concert was held at the church and community hall, Peterston-super-Ely.

It was presented by the Cardiff Arms Park male voice choir, which travels far and wide supporting different charities, with Joe Scullan as pianist and David Last as musical director.

The fantastic sum of £1,036 was raised on the evening for the Marie Curie hospice, Penarth.

In September, a team of 40, including medical staff from different locations, are trekking the Great Wall of China for the same charity.

Anyone wishing to sponsor this very worthwhile cause, should contact Terrence Howard Jones on 01446 760549.

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Local man is arrested after burglary 'bungles'

A man with the nickname 'Bungles' has been jailed for a year for burglary.

Andrew Dyer (27) of Maesteg, admitted burgling a house in the Brackla area of Bridgend in April last year.

Prosecutor David Thomas said the occupier was watching television in the morning when a neighbour called and said he

had spotted someone trying the handle of a door to the house.

It was later discovered that four sets of car keys had been stolen.

Someone in the area recognised Dyer (known as 'Bungles') and he was arrested four hours later.

He said he had nothing to do with the burglary, but was later

positively identified.

The court heard that Dyer is currently serving 30 months imprisonment for another burglary offence.

Judge David Wynn Morgan directed that the 12-month sentence should run concurrently.

The case was heard via video link to Dartmoor Prison

Woman glassed her boyfriend 'by accident'

A WOMAN was cleared at Cardiff Crown Court of allegations that she deliberately attacked her boyfriend, striking him to the side of his face with a glass in a pub.

After retiring for an hour, a jury found Sarah Barrell (36), of Kenfig Hill, a woman with no previous convictions, not guilty of wounding Stuart Rees.

She told the jury she did not intend striking him with the glass.

Earlier, she said, he had poured a glass of beer over her, and also thrown a beer can and a kebab skewer at her.

Prosecutor John Ryan said the couple had been in a relationship and still were.

Last August, they went to a barbecue where they argued and later went to a pub, unaware she still had the glass.

After Rees threw the beer over her, she reacted by striking him to the side of the face, causing cuts which needed more than seven stitches and which left a permanent scar.

Mr Rees said in evidence that at the barbecue he had six pints of cider and Barrell had a bottle of wine.

"We had had a rough patch, and we argued,"

In the pub, he said, at one point he took hold of her and threw a pint over her.

"She turned and slapped me. I believe she forgot she was holding a glass, and I believe it was an accident."

She told the jury she had tried to get away from Mr Rees in the pub, and then struck him with what she believed was her hand, unaware she still had the glass.

Mother escapes jail over benefit overpayments

A MOTHER of three who received more than £36,000 in benefits overpayment, has escaped custody.

Sarah Davies (37) of Pyle, who had no previous convictions, admitted three charges of unlawfully obtaining benefits by failing to notify the authorities of a change of circumstances.

At Cardiff Crown Court Judge David Wynn Morgan sentenced her to 32 weeks imprisonment, suspended for a year, and ordered her to carry out 100 hours unpaid work.

He said: "These offences have to be marked."

Prosecutor Christian Jarrett said that over five years, Davies received overpayment of council tax, income support and housing benefit totalling £36,693.

Arrangements, he said, were now in hand

for the money eventually to be repaid.

He said that the offences began when Davies indicated she was a lone parent, but there had been evidence that for some periods she and her husband lived together.

She told investigators that her relationship had been volatile, and that for many periods, she had been alone.

Her counsel, Alex Greenwood said: "She is working, she is healthy. This was not a criminal activity from the outset."

"Her case is that her husband came and went. Had she disclosed that, there would have been some entitlement. She had been in a turbulent relationship."

He said she had carried, over a long period, the "shadow of the proceedings hanging over her".

He added: "She is of impeccable character."

'We're going to need a much bigger boat!'

THE powerful lifeboat stationed at Barry was in demand last week when it was called to help out in a River Severn rescue.

The mostly volunteer crew of the RNLI's Barry dock lifeboat had a Friday night out with a difference last night as they were called on to rescue a 62-foot barge that had broken down by the Severn Bridge.

The call for help came just before 7pm as most of the crew were settling down for a relaxing evening with their loved ones.

Instead, they spent

four hours of their evening assisting the barge and her experienced crew, who had been unlucky and broken down as they headed home to Portishead.

The Portishead lifeboat and her crew were already on scene and giving assistance, but their inshore boat

was not able to tow the barge.

Barry Dock Lifeboat Station's much bigger Trent class lifeboat was more than capable of helping out and returned to station just before 11pm, after leaving the barge in the safety of Portishead harbour.

Roadworks report

A4050 Port Road East, Barry – temporary traffic control.
Terra Nova Way from the junction of Penarth Parkway to the roundabout at Marconi Avenue – road closure.
Le Poulgen Way junction with Boverton Road, Llantwit Major – temporary traffic control.
File Mile Lane, Barry – temporary traffic control.

PACT meetings

BUTTRILLS PACT, June 6, Philip John Community Room, Barry Library at 6.30pm.
ILLTYD PACT, June 21, Mount Sorrell Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry at 7pm.
YSTRADOWN coffee & chat, White Lion Public House, June 7 11.30am.
ST BRIDES PACT, St Brides Church Hall, June 8 at 6pm.
RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, June 9 at 7pm.
PENDOYLAN Community Council meeting, Pendoylan School, June 9 at 7.45pm.
LLANDOW/EWENNY PACT, Ewenny Village Hall, June 15 at 7pm.
SULLY PACT, Williams Room of the Old School, South Road, June 13 at 7pm.

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 15 Leave 10am back 8pm
SATURDAY JUNE 18 Leave 11am back 8pm
SUNDAY JUNE 19 Leave 9.30am back 9.15pm
Visit the seaside at Ilfracombe - Glorious Devon E31
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STEAM RAILWAY & MINEHEAD
WEDNESDAY JUNE 8 Leave 10am back 8.45pm
Cruise to visit Minehead and then join the West Somerset Railway for a 20 mile trip through beautiful countryside and 9 charming country stations. E39
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CIVIC SUNDAY AT ST ILLTYD'S SET FOR JUNE 19 AND...

The Vale Mayor names three charities for the coming year

THE new Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun John Clifford, has announced that the three causes for his year of office will be Myeloma UK, Llamau and a local retreat for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

Coun Clifford (74) has a personal reason for choosing Myeloma UK as one of his charities.

"Myeloma is a cancer of the bone – not a well-known cancer, but one my wife Christine has suffered from.

"She had been ill since November, but following a blood test in January, she had an operation in March which went well."

Carol Williams, who has just retired as the manager of Eryl Surgery, has agreed to act as consort until Christine is well enough to join Coun Clifford in his official duties.



ABOVE:
Coun John Clifford.

Coun Clifford has a long record of service to the community of the Vale. He has served 32 years as a town councillor, eight years as a Vale councillor and is now the Vale Mayor!

"I have had so many congratulations from people since it was announced, and it is a big honour for Llantwit

Major.

"I am keen where possible to hold events in Llantwit and the Civic Sunday service will take place at St Illtyd's Church, of which I am a member, on June 19, followed by a reception at the comprehensive school.

"Last year I had an exceptional year as the deputy mayor – I even met the Archbishop of Canterbury when he received the Freedom of Swansea, so goodness knows what this year holds!"

Coun Clifford can expect to be attend up to eight events in busy weeks of his tenure, and will go to ceremonies not just in the Vale, but further afield too.

Despite the heavy workload, he continues to make a contribution to a number of Vale committees, and outside his work as a councillor has interests in Cardiff Institute for the Blind, St Donats Art Centre and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Plaid hopes legal review verdict will back future of court

PLAID CYMRU spokesman Dr Ian Johnson has expressed his support for the judicial review of the decision to close the Vale Magistrates Court in Barry's Thompson Street.

The case will be heard in Cardiff's Administrative Court on June 8-9.

Dr Johnson said: "I very much hope that the legal action will force the Ministry of Justice to think again about the magistrates court in Barry.

"Sittingbourne Magistrates court is currently challenging the decision and has already begun its test case against the government.

"The UK Government's intention was to close magistrates' courts which sit infrequently, hear too few cases and have buildings which do not provide suitable facilities for those attending.

"With more than 120 to 150 cases per week and recent spending to improve the court facilities, the Vale Magistrates Court clearly does not meet those criteria for closure.

"I believe that the Vale of Glamorgan courthouse should remain open five days a week, fully staffed and providing a much needed facility for local justice."

Dr Johnson added: "That is the only way in which community justice can be carried out."

Blue ribbon boost for Cancer Research UK



LEFT:
The Gourmet Fish and Chip shop on Barry Road had a novel way of attracting attention to its fundraising effort for research into cancer – doing up the premises with a giant blue bow. Joint owner Helena Rees, who runs the shop with her partner Curtis Shier, said: "Our families have been affected by cancer so we decided to do special prices to raise money for Cancer Research UK."

Deep in the (Cwm Talwg) forest something stirred, as pupils enhance science studies

THERE was a lot going on down in the woods last week!

During the morning, the year-1 children at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School went down to the Cwm Talwg woodlands with the Forestry Commission's Education Ranger to study 'forest senses'.

They collected specimens of leaves and flowers to compare scents, they looked for patterns and textures in nature and they listened to the sounds of the woods.

During the afternoon, the Education Ranger accompanied year-2 to the woodlands where they went on a minibeast hunt, to enhance their science studies.

The children went off in groups with their bug pots to collect as many specimens as they could find and they made a tally chart.

They learned about classifications and habitats and then they made sure that they returned the tiny creatures to their places. There were lots of interesting facts



about conservation and the youngsters are learning how to value the natural environment around them.

Teachers, Miss Mackintosh, Mrs Evans and Mrs Martin, thanked the Ranger for giving the children a wonderful opportunity to explore this important area and learn how to take care of the natural world.

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DYSPRAXIA SUPPORT GROUP

THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held on Monday, June 6 at 7.30pm in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

The group supports children and young people with dyspraxia (as well as related conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, OCD, Tourettes) and their parents and carers by providing advice and information as well as an opportunity to exchange experiences.

It operates a 24-hour help and advice line on 01446 738945 and a website, www.vdsg.org.uk and also runs social activities and a laptop loan programme.

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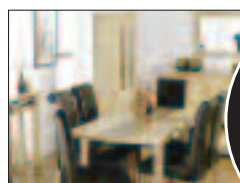
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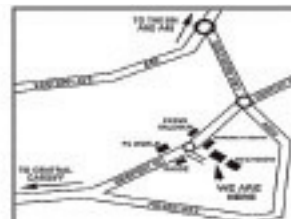
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Toasting success, above, are golfers from Lifestyle UK, Mark Webster and his team, Tom Tuck from Daneway Furniture, and Leekes managing director, Emma Leeke.

Leekes golf day gives £10,000 fillip to the NSPCC

A CHARITY golf day in aid of the NSPCC's 'Building Brighter Futures' campaign, was hosted by Leekes managing director, Emma Leeke, recently at the Vale Resort, and was supported by a number of the company's key suppliers.

Emma Leeke explained: "I was asked to join the appeal board of the NSPCC's 'Building Brighter Futures'

campaign to help raise £1.5 million before the end of 2012, to help the charity to continue their fund raising work in providing much-needed services and facilities for children who have suffered physical and emotional abuse.

"The golf day is one of a series of events that myself and my family have arranged to raise our target of £50k for the NSPCC. This particular

event has seen us raise £8,500, which was generously increased to £10,000 by Mark Webster, one of our furniture suppliers."

Emma reported: "A fantastic day was had by all who took part; the bad weather held off and all 21 teams had a wonderful day - with many already signing up for next year."

"A big thank you to everyone who has supported us!"

Penarth mother is cleared of murder

A MOTHER of four who admitted strangling her severely autistic son, was cleared of his murder by a jury at Cardiff Crown Court.

Yvonne Freaney (49) of Penarth, had denied the charge, but admitted the manslaughter of her son Glen (aged 11) on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

She had claimed that no-one else would look after him and he had been let down by Social Services.

The court heard that she killed him in a hotel near Cardiff Wales Airport.

Sentence was adjourned and she was remanded in custody until June 10.

Her counsel, John Charles Rees QC, said: "The question of her coming back into the community and how that needed to be dealt with would have to be consid-

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

ered." The Vale Council has indicated that it had launched a serious case review into the handling of the Freaney case.

During the trial, the authority had faced criticism from the defendant's lawyers in its handling of the case.

Phil Evans, chairman of the council's safeguarding children board said: "The board has already started a review of this case in accordance with the guidance issued by the Welsh Government."

He said an independent person with appropriate qualifications, knowledge and experience had been appointed to prepare a report.

Freaney's defence team said during the trial that she strangled her son because of an abnormality of mind while under stress and when suicidal, and suffered from a personality disorder.

Mr Rees said she was a battered wife, but her way of solving problems was not to kill her husband, but to kill herself and her son.

When police officers found Glen's body, surrounded by toys in the Sky Plaza Hotel last year, she said: "I had to do it, no-one else could look after him."

She said she had to "put him to sleep". She said she put his toys around him and then started cutting herself.

She said: "I sent him to the Kingdom of Heaven. My only regret is that I couldn't end my life - my blood kept on clotting."

Prosecutor Greg Taylor QC said that it was accepted that Freaney was a devoted mother who had cared for Glen, the youngest of four children and who could not be left alone for a minute.

During the trial, Freaney did not give evidence.

The court heard she had been treasurer of the RAFA Club in Penarth, where her husband was chairman.

The court heard that what were meant to be suicide notes were left at the club and in the hotel room.

The court also heard that the family had had to leave their home because it was declared uninhabitable.

The jury heard that she decided to leave her husband, who admitted violence towards her, and before the killing searched for a home for herself, living in a number of hotels.

After the case, her eldest child, Carla, said: "I love my mother and I will remain supportive of her."

Her husband, Mark, said the outcome of the trial "will not bring Glen back to us."

IT'S A FAIR COP FOR TY HAFAN AS POLICE SCALE THE HEIGHTS!



ABOVE: The walkers reach the summit of Scafell Pike.

POLICE officers and staff from Central division of South Wales Police based in the Vale, took up the challenge of scaling the three highest mountains in Wales, England and Scotland within 24 hours and succeeded with two hours to spare - despite atrocious weather conditions as they approached the summit of Ben Nevis.

The 11 - strong team, had been training regularly in the Brecon Beacons to raise funds for Ty Hafan children's hospice and Cancer Research Wales. The total distance walked was around 26 miles, the total height climbed around 10,000 feet, and 450 miles were travelled between the mountains.

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Iconic Penarth Pier Pavilion to receive £1.68m Lottery grant

FOLLOWING a five-year campaign, Penarth Pier Pavilion is set to be re-opened to the public, thanks to a £1.68 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Grade II listed Art Deco seafront pavilion has been closed to visitors since the 1990s, but thanks to a community-led campaign, Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd (PACL) has secured the grant to fund major repair and restoration works to the inside and outside of the pavilion.

Built in 1894, the pier began life as a landing jetty and gradually developed into a focal point for the town's social life when a pavilion was built in 1929. PACL hopes to re-establish that focal point for activities appealing to local residents and visitors alike.

Following restoration, the pavilion will host a range of activities such as school sessions and will have a dedicated exhibition area focusing on the area's maritime heritage.

The first floor balcony will be redesigned to create an auditorium for lectures, conferences and film screenings and a café will be created which will overlook the seafront.

PACL has developed strong partnerships with a number of groups, including the volunteer organization 'Coastwatch', wildlife sanctuaries and the RSPB. A new observation post

will give people the chance to watch birds and other wildlife, with live images linked from cameras located in the Bristol Channel.

As a landmark structure on the south Wales coast, Penarth Pier currently attracts more than 315,000 visitors annually, with numbers soaring in the warm summer months.

The reopened pavilion is expected to attract substantial numbers looking to explore the building and find out more about the area's heritage.

The local community will continue to play a crucial role in the project: 10,000 people signed a petition to save the pavilion and, as a result of this grant, up to 230 people including staff, volunteers and students will be offered training opportunities in conservation and leisure learning.

Five jobs will also be created through the project, including positions for an education and learning officer and pavilion manager and it is expected that more than 1,000 community members will get involved as volunteers, taking on roles such as heritage visitor guides.

Abi Trotman, aged 22, a volunteer and campaigner for the project, said: "Growing up in Penarth, I've always felt the pier and the pavilion is an integral part of the landscape. I am thrilled to know our generation will be able to make full use of all its facilities, like music and heritage crafts."

Dan Clayton Jones, chair of the

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Wales, said: "Penarth Pier and Pavilion is an iconic landmark for south Wales and a fine example of early 20th century seaside architecture. This project will secure its future, celebrate its rich maritime history and create a focal point for community activities, both social and educational."

"We've supported PACL in recognition of the difference the project will make to the area as part of the regeneration of the town's seafront for both visitors and residents alike. The project has been led by the community from the start and it's fantastic to see so many local people continuing to pledge their time and support as volunteers to make it a success."

Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "Having approved the basic lease terms and funding arrangements in support of the Penarth Arts and Crafts proposal, the Vale Council has shown its commitment to the regeneration of the Pier Pavilion."

"The announcement of the funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund brings the PACL vision for the building one step closer and is also a wonderful boost to the Vale's regeneration work in the town."

PACL was awarded £99,600 by Heritage Lottery Fund in November 2009, to develop its proposals further, and prior to that a grant of £50,000 was awarded in 2007 for essential planning work.



ABOVE: Shane Williams and Matthew Rees meet one of their many fans at the latest Llantwit Major Rugby Club's supper club evening.

SHANE WILLIAMS is spending so much time in Llantwit Major RFC lately that it is rumoured he has a loyalty card, but such is the draw of the man, the crown Prince of Welsh rugby, that once again a large crowd gathered to enjoy an evening in his company, along with Scarlets hooker and current Welsh captain Matthew Rees, two Welsh and Lions greats.

Shane's incredible record and achievements are legendary – more than 50 tries for Wales, including a record-equalling five times – plus tries against the three Tri-Nations countries (the only Welshman to achieve this).

Shane was joined on this occasion by 47-cap hooker Matthew Rees who has two tries for Wales and rose to the top of the hookers' rankings in the British Isles following the 2009 Lions tour of South Africa, where Mathew joined Adam Jones and Gethin Jenkins in an all-Welsh front row for the Tests.

The evening began with a meal of succulent sausages and mash provided by Spiros of Cardiff with members of Llantwit Major youth team helping to serve and delivering drinks to the tables. Matthew and Shane then spent a half hour or more signing autographs, souvenirs and mementoes and chatting to their many fans.

Then followed the customary question and answer session with Shane and Matthew on

stage and MC for the night Colin Price taking the mike (in more ways than one) around the room for everyone to get a chance to ask the two players their views on a wide variety of subjects.

This was a new experience for Matthew but he soon warmed to it and his responses warmed the crowd to him, while Shane, a veteran of such challenges, was cool, calm and collected and extremely honest and humorous as he shared his thoughts and memories and personal opinions.

Answers/questions that stood out were about role models. Shane pointed out that his dad was not a great rugby player, more of a social darts player – but his mum was an athlete – so that is where he probably inherited his ability, pace etc.

Shane reiterated that his role models were the stars of the 70s, the Crowning Years, especially Gerald Davies, not a giant in stature but a fantastic player, intelligent and committed in defence and lightning quick in thought and foot in attack.

Surprisingly to those present, Matthew picked Neil Jenkins (Ponty/Cardiff/Wales/Lions fly-half) as his role model, a dedicated, determined character, the ultimate professional who coached Matthew in his kicking game as a young centre and later

WALES LEGEND SHANE THANKS MUM FOR TALENT!

encouraged him to achieve the tag of best hooker when he moved up to the front row.

Matthew said the hooker he looked on as his role model was Keith Wood, the Irish legend for his all round game.

When asked about the most enjoyable tour, both players agreed that the Lions' tour to South Africa was a wonderful experience, though Shane mooted that an earlier Crawshays trip to Prague was a real cultural experience!

When asked about Gavin Henson's recall to the Welsh squad, both Mathew and Shane spoke of Gavin's great talent and skills and the possible contribution he could make to the Welsh cause, providing he is fit, in form, and mentally switched on.

Several questions were asked about certain individuals omitted from the Welsh squad and as you would expect, Matthew Rees made a strong point of speaking up for all the current squad and also the importance of keeping the door open for those on the fringe who could also push for inclusion in the World Cup squad, such as Gareth Delves, Iestyn Thomas and Llantwit's favourite son, Dafydd Hewitt among others.

Asked about best opponents, Matthew said playing against great hookers such as Ibanez (France) and Ledezma

(Argentina) had made him a better player and he has great respect for them.

Shane spoke highly of his Ospreys team mates Tommy Bowe and Niki Walker and England's Chris Ashton, the in-form player of the last Six Nations.

As for the future, Shane said it was his intention to retire from international rugby after the World Cup, but he gave the impression that if he came through in form and injury-free he might rethink. If not, Amman United will be some force next year in Division 4 South-West!

Matthew, of course, will take Wales into the World Cup and beyond, while he is keen to stay a Scarlet in the current set-up with an exciting young, developing squad.

So another great evening for grass roots rugby at Llantwit as Matthew and Shane impressed with their laid back, no holds barred, honest, humorous approach.

The auction and raffle were another big success, with Shane donating a pair of signed boots, the proceeds of which went to the Llantwit RFC players' fund.

MC and comedian Colin Price (Seven Sisters) did a turn to round off another great evening for rugby buffs.

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Volunteers clean up at Watchtower Bay



VOLUNTEERS from Friends of Barry Beaches were again at work last weekend cleaning up one of Barry's main beaches, Watchtower Bay, which earlier in the week had hit national headlines for having the eighth worst water quality in the UK.

Co-ordinator, Rob Curtis, said: "It's great to see that Barry people are willing to volunteer to help

clean our local beaches...all too often people moan without doing anything to change things for the better. "Once again, beer cans and plastic bottles made up the majority of the refuse collected."

The next beach clean will be on Sunday, June 26 (meet at Marco's Cafe, Barry Island Square at 3pm).

Controversy continues over safety of shale gas drilling at Llandow site

CAMPAIGNERS against drilling for shale gas in the Vale at Llandow have had a wildly fluctuating week – with one piece of bad news followed within a few days by ‘good news’ – if that is the appropriate way to describe a small earthquake that hit Blackpool!

First, there was the news that a cross-party group of MPs had dismissed safety fears as “hot air”.

This emerged when MPs on the Energy and Climate Change committee said that proper regulation of the controversial process of fracking would mean that

there would be no risk of polluting drinking water.

One place where test drilling was already taking place was near Blackpool, but that has now been suspended after a small earthquake (reportedly registering 1.5 on the Richter scale) was recorded last Friday (May 27).

The same area was hit by an earthquake that registered 2.2 last April.

On the website of the anti-drilling campaign ‘The Vale Says No’, a post says: ‘Vale Councillors, are you listening?’

Those councillors will have to make a decision when the re-submitted application by Coastal Oil and Gas Ltd to drill at Llandow

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comes before the planning committee of the Vale Council.

However, they are unlikely to have the final say.

Even before the latest earthquake development, Andrew RT Davies AM was stressing the need for “greater investigation of the experience of shale gas drilling in other countries.”

Mr Davies said: “It has been noted that changes to planning law in England will furnish residents there with greater power to stop shale gas exploration; changes that do not

apply here in Wales.”

“In any case, on the wider issue of whether shale gas drilling poses a safety risk to drinking water, I am clear that we must exercise caution before drawing conclusions.”

The Vale AM Jane Hutt is also supporting the ‘Vale Says No Campaign’ and has called for a moratorium on shale gas drilling.

Vale MP Alun Cairns has now met with the Minister for the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to discuss shale gas exploration in the UK and the planning regulations that surround such activity.

Charles Hendry MP explained to Mr Cairns that the approval of planning applications, and the actual monitoring of test-drilling and extraction of shale gas, is a matter for the Welsh Government, as planning is a devolved issue.

As the UK DECC Minister he (Charles Hendry), had no power to intervene with Welsh Government planning policy and decision-making processes.

The Vale MP has now written to the new Minister, John Griffiths AM, at the Welsh Government to raise his concerns, and to call on the Welsh Government once again for a temporary moratorium on shale gas test-drilling and exploration. He has also pressed for stronger and clearer planning guidelines to be issued to local authorities.

Plaid Cymru’s spokesman, Dr Ian Johnson, said: “We don’t yet know what has caused these earthquakes and tremors in the north-west of England, but it is a strange coincidence that they should take place close to the gas drilling site.”

“This type of drilling is potentially dangerous and should not be taking place in the Vale.”

“The principle behind drilling for shale gas is wrong.”

“We should be investing in renewable energy, such as tidal lagoons or a tidal reef across the Severn estuary which will be able to generate massive amounts of clean, green energy.”



The Oakfield performers with West End legend Peter Karrie.

Oakfield pupils win star praise!

EIGHT children from Oak Field Primary School took part in the first ‘Barry’s Got Talent’ show at the Memorial Hall Theatre recently, when they sang ‘Any Dream Will Do’ and ‘Candyman’.

They also enjoyed watching all the other schools performing various acts, and West End star of ‘Phantom of the Opera’, Peter Karrie, complimented them on their singing and praised their hard work!

BONVILSTON CONCERT

ST MARY’S church in Open Gardens Day on Sunday. Bonvilston will be holding a choral evening on Friday, June 10, and the church will be decorated with flowers ahead of the

Community’s get-together benefits Alzheimers charity



DINAS POWYS residents turned out in force recently for a get-together at the Rugby Athletic Club with hosts Michelle Powell and Alan Bagshaw.

Visitors celebrated the royal occasion, indulging in barbecue food, cakes, drinks and fun, as well as supporting the raffle, which helped raise a profit of £250, with all proceeds donated to the Alzheimer’s Society.

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Vale councillors' allowances fall just short of £1 million

THE total allowances paid to Vale councillors in the period from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011, show that the total paid out was £947,548.

The table reproduced below details the payments made, and the columns show the basic allowance paid to councillors, the payments made for 'special responsibilities', and any claims made for expenses incurred on council business.

The figures show that all the councillors have claimed the basic amount, £13,868, which is up by £512, a 3.8 per cent rise on the previous year.

The exception is Coun Gwyn John of Llantwit Major, who declined to take an annual rise two years ago, and hence is running one year behind other councillors.

The biggest special responsibility payment goes, as usual, to the council leader, who receives £38,139, taking his total salary to £52,007. Coun Kemp did not draw any expenses, and this was true of 30 other councillors.

In fact, the number of councillors who declined to take any expenses rose this year, up from 26 to 31.

The second-biggest special responsi-

bility payment went to Coun Hunter Jarvie, the deputy leader, who received £22,537, plus his basic allowance.

The other cabinet members on the Vale Council, Couns Jeff James, Janice Charles, Paul Church, Geoff Cox, Anthony Ernest, Tony Hampton, Rhodri Traherne, and Dorothy Turner, all received £17,336, plus their basic allowance.

Other special allowances that are paid to councillors include £9,708 for undertaking the duties involved in chairing a scrutiny committee.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council Members' allowances paid in 2010/2011 for period: 01.04.2010 to 31.03.2011

List of Members	Basic Allowance	Responsibility Allowance	Other Expenses	Total
Alexander, M (Mrs)	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Bagstaff, S (Mrs)	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Bertin, R	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Birch, MEJ (Mrs)	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Bird, J	£13,868.00		£507.60	£14,375.60
Brooks, B (Mrs)	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Charles, J (Mrs)	£13,868.00	£17,336.00		£31,204.00
Church, P	£13,868.00	£17,336.00	£766.80	£31,970.80
Clifford, J	£13,868.00	£10,594.70	£270.40	£24,733.10
Cox, GA	£13,868.00	£17,336.00	£226.00	£31,430.00
Curtis, RF	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Drake, P (Ms)	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Egan, S	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Ellis, V (Mrs)	£13,868.00	£295.58		£14,163.58
Elmore, C	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Ernest, AM	£13,868.00	£17,336.00	£1,595.60	£32,799.60
Fraser, J	£13,868.00	£9,708.00		£23,576.00
Hacker, E	£13,868.00		£548.80	£14,416.80
Hampton, A	£13,868.00	£17,336.00	£756.00	£31,960.00
Hartrey, V (Mrs)	£13,868.00		£72.00	£13,940.00
Hatton, K	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Hodges, NP	£13,868.00	£548.09		£14,416.09
James, HJW	£13,868.00	£17,336.00	£524.80	£31,728.80
Jarvie, TH	£13,868.00	£22,537.00	£442.40	£36,847.40
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Moore, N	£13,868.00	£9,708.00		£23,576.00
Osborne, CL	£13,868.00	£5,909.20	£306.00	£20,083.20
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Thomas, J	£13,868.00	£9,708.00		£23,576.00
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Turner, D (Mrs)	£13,868.00	£17,336.00		£31,204.00
William, S	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Wilkinson, M (Mrs)	£13,868.00	£9,708.00		£23,576.00
Williams, CJ	£13,868.00	£9,708.00	£538.80	£24,114.80
Williams, Clive A	£13,868.00	£9,708.00	£92.40	£23,668.40
Williams, ET	£13,868.00	£590.92		£14,458.92
Williams, S (Ms)	£13,868.00	£9,708.00		£23,576.00
Wilson, M	£13,868.00			£13,868.00
Wright, M (Ms)	£13,868.00		£95.20	£13,963.20
	£651,284.00	£288,379.24	£7,884.80	£947,548.04

Find out where your shoebox gift goes

If you are one of the many in the Vale who pack a shoebox with gifts at Christmas for Operation Christmas Child then you now have an opportunity of finding out where it goes.

Mr Nicolai Baibutski, Samaritans Purse partner in Belarus, and who is involved in the distribution of shoeboxes in that country, will be at Highfields Church, Monthermer Road,

Cardiff on Wednesday June 8 at 7pm to give a short presentation and answer questions.

Also present to give a short talk on his work with the Samaritans Purse Disaster Aid Response Team will be Dr Alan Wood.

Dr Wood was amongst the first aid teams to reach Haiti after the disaster in that Country.

For further information contact Ted or Margaret Bird on 02920 734794.

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ABOVE: Looking for caring owners – appealing kittens Catherine, Cambridge, Charles, and Champagne.

Cats refuge centre is at 'breaking point'

CATS Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre has issued an emergency appeal following a huge rise in the number of abandoned cats and kittens in the area.

The centre has also seen homing figures fall by 26 per cent for the first four months of this year. It currently has 247 cats and kittens in its care, with another 397 stray and unwanted cats and kittens on a waiting list.

The centre says that with many of the unwanted cats in need of urgent medical attention, the situation is "at breaking point".

Harroine, Harry and Tanzi, are three of a litter of six kittens found abandoned in a box at only four weeks of age. The kittens were very poorly and sadly not all survived.

Aruba, a two-year-old female cat was found in a rubbish box with her litter of one week old kittens, traumatised and with a badly infected collar injury, so severe that she needed several courses of antibiotics and a skin graft to repair the damage.

Catherine, Charles, Cambridge and



Aruba also needs a good home.

Champagne, were found huddled under a bush in a memorial garden on the royal wedding weekend; they were only six weeks old at the time and terrified of people.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager, said: "I have been managing the centre for 13 years and have never known the situation to be so dire. We are at breaking point and if this continues, we are going to struggle to help

the many needy cats and kittens out there."

All cats and kittens at the centre are vet checked, neutered if old enough, vaccinated, microchipped, worm and flea treated and come with four weeks' free pet plan insurance.

Contact 01656 724396 if you would like to adopt a cat or kitten, or make a donation to help us care for unwanted cats and kittens.

Lonely Darren hates the dark

STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are urgently appealing for an experienced dog owner to lend a paw and give a beautiful Collie-cross who craves attention.

Ten-year old Darren is desperately missing being in a home, so much so that when the lights go out at night he gets anxious and can't get a good night's sleep. While he settles during the day, he craves company at night.

Staff are confident that with the right care, time and patience Darren will adjust - he has become a firm favourite at the centre because of his "gentle and loving nature".

Darren is seeking an experienced new owner who will take the time to understand him and be savvy enough to follow some behaviour guidelines to give him the direction he needs.

Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre Manager, Beverley Price says:

"Darren is such a loveable lad - he has a kind face to match his heart. He's been making great progress here at the centre, but hasn't taken as



Darren - he craves attention.

well to kennel life, so needs to overcome his separation anxiety in a caring home. We'll offer guidance along the way as needed."

Beverley adds: "A home with another dog, or even several dogs so that he is not the centre of attention, would be ideal for Darren. With time and understanding, we think Darren will come on very well - from our experience, you certainly can teach an old dog new tricks!"

To find out more about Darren, or to offer this desperate pooch a new home, please call Dogs Trust Bridgend directly on 01656 725 219, or visit the centre at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.

Focus BARRY social night

FocusBARRY, the local group keen to tackle issues in the town, is having a social evening on Friday, June 3 at the Millwood Inn, Severn Avenue.

A spokesman said: "Members of the public are welcome to join us at 7.30 pm for a local quiz 'So you think you know Barry?', a session of bingo, a prize raffle, and a light buffet."

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Dyffryn Gardens offers new features to help visitors find out more about Vale's heritage

AN actor from the hit series Gavin and Stacey recently helped launch the Vale's new drive to let more people have the chance to explore the heritage in the area.

Ifan Huw Dafydd introduced a new initiative entitled 'Explore and More' at Dyffryn House and Gardens on Saturday, May 21.

Visitors on the day were the first to try out the new interactive kiosks created as part of the initiative.

The kiosks feature guides to nearby attractions and viewers can watch short films starring the actor.

From piracy on the Heritage Coast to Cowbridge's hidden Physic Garden, the films bring to life the hidden histories of the rural Vale.



Actor Ifan Huw Dafydd, who is featured in the Explore and More heritage films, with one of the new interactive kiosks.



Coun Gordon Kemp, Vale Council leader, with Ifan Huw Dafydd, and Nicola Sumner Smith, senior rural regeneration officer for Creative Rural Communities, with one of the new interactive kiosks.

BELOW:

Holly Stokes, aged three, with family friend Annalea Brigham



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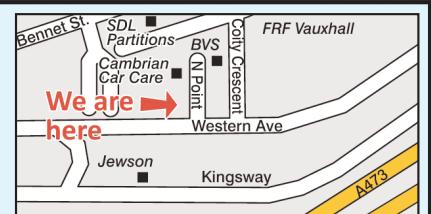
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Lucy (8) joins the cast of Oliver!

RIGHT: Lucy Miles from Barry is to appear at the Wales Millennium Centre.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Lucy Miles from Barry recently auditioned with around 400 other hopeful young performers to appear in the cast of *Oliver!*

The show is coming to the Wales Millennium Centre, and Lucy was selected for a cast of 20 children.

Lucy has been training with Superstars in the Making performing arts academy in Barry

and has worked with director, Christian Bullen for two years. Christian said: "Lucy is a dedicated student who works hard to perfect her craft, and trains in gymnastics, ballet, street dance and theatre."

Lucy auditioned for *Les Misérables* in Bristol last year and made it to the final eight. Now, she is thrilled to be able to perform in her first professional show alongside top stars

including Neil Morrissey as Fagin.

Christian added: "Lucy auditioned with Oliver Haines-Knight, aged nine from Barry, and he is on the reserve cast list, which is also a great achievement."

Lucy will be travelling to London in October for training and will then appear at The Wales Millennium Centre from December 12 to January 21.



More honours awarded to local RAFA branch



ABOVE:

The service at the National Arboretum and (below) the remembrance stone that the branch recently purchased.



ABOVE: Howard Provis (right) and Jim Doyle (left) holding the trophy.

THE Barry branch of the RAF Association has added to its haul of trophies.

Having recently won the South Wales, Midlands and South West Branch Efficiency Trophy, the Barry Branch was informed that it had also picked up the National Branch Efficiency Shield for branches with less than 150 members.

Howard Provis, the secretary, and Jim Doyle, the vice chair and delegate to conference, attended the RAF Association annual conference in Eastbourne recently to receive the trophy.

Howard also attended as the branch standard bearer, and was honoured to take part in the dedication service on the Sunday morning when 60 Standards paraded while a Spitfire flypast saluted overhead.

To achieve branch efficiency, members have to demonstrate good administration in key areas.

National Arboretum

TWENTY members of the Barry RAFA Branch and guests from the Vale and Cardiff recently visited the National Arboretum to take part in a service of dedication at the new memorial of the RAF Association.

The National Memorial Arboretum is set in the countryside of Staffordshire, between the towns of Lichfield and Burton-upon-Trent. The arboretum provides a living and lasting focus for remembrance, essentially for those who have lost their lives or suffered in the service of their country.

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ABOVE: Branch treasurer Linda Doyle.



WHAT'S ON / IN BRIEF

Poppy Party

AS part of the Great Poppy Party Weekend, Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council is holding a coffee morning and afternoon tea, combined with a table top sale, in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall on Saturday, June 11 in support of the 90th birthday of the Royal British Legion.

From 10.30am, local clubs and societies will be offering for sale homemade cakes, pickles, marmalade and sweets, greetings cards and notelets, paintings, plants and bric-a-brac.

There will also be a Rock Shop, face painting, raffle, tombola and trade tables for honey products and the 'pampered chef' products.

Valeways walks

ON Monday, June 13 at 7pm, 'hidden valley' walk starts at St Bride's Major near the cattle grid, on the Bridgend side of the village.

On Wednesday, June 15 at 10.30am - 1.30pm, a castle, college and lighthouse extended walk starts at The Horseshoe Inn, Monkash (optional lunch at the Horseshoe - recommended).

On Sunday, June 19 at 2.30pm - 4.30pm, Singingstone and Llanmaes extended walk, Millennium Trail starts at the Victoria Inn, Singingstone.

On Monday, June 20 at 1.30pm, Rhose coastal path walk starts at Rhose Railway Station car park.

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT THE BARRY COMPREHENSIVE School welcomes Irish rugby fans after Heineken Final!

BARRY Comprehensive and Cardiff International Airport joined forces again this year, to cope with the influx of rugby fans arriving for last week's Heineken Cup Final at the Millennium Stadium.

This year's final, between Leinster and Northampton Saints, saw around 100 coaches carrying Leinster fans back to the airport after the game.

To avoid congestion at the airport, some coaches were diverted into the school until the plane was ready to be boarded.

While waiting to re-board their coaches, the fans made themselves comfortable in the school canteen, where food and drink were available.

In addition to opening the canteen, extra lighting and toilets had been installed and local police officers were on the scene to ensure smooth running.

Sixth form students, who are off to Sri Lanka in the summer as part of the school's support of



Sixth Form students collecting for HelpLanka with generous Leinster fans at Barry Comprehensive School after the Heineken Cup Final.

the charity HelpLanka, helped serve refreshments and were very grateful to receive donations from the generous Leinster fans.

The operation was hailed a success and the preparation and sale of 100kg of chips in two hours kept everyone busy!

GRIM project!
IN April, seven Barry Comprehensive School pupils from years 8, 9 and 10 auditioned for a role in an upcoming inter-

net based fantasy film called 'GRIM'.

This ambitious and exciting project is being written and directed by former pupil Lewis McGregor, who studied theatre, film and media at the Barry Sixth Form.

Lewis is currently attending Newport University, where he is studying film making and learning the tricks of the trade.

The feature film is due to air this summer, with audience figures expected to exceed 50,000 worldwide in the first week of release.

This project is being supported by Newport University and the local arts council.

The boy's auditioned for a speaking role in the film where they will play a young 'reaper' character who spends his life wandering among the stars, watching those he loves while being unable to communicate with them.

The audition involved them acting alongside stars of the film and having to learn

lines on the spot. A truly nerve wracking experience for anyone, however, the boys were very professional and acquitted themselves with the discipline and talent that we have come to expect from them during their time in the school.

It was a pleasure to watch them excel in this kind of environment, with all expressing how much they enjoyed taking part.

The lucky pupil was Mitchell Thorngate in year 8, who is taking part alongside the rest of the cast.

Year-10 pupils studying performing arts were involved in aspects of filming before Christmas where they played members of the 'Reaper' gang.

They will be called upon in the next few weeks as the filming process picks up speed in the summer.

We would like to thank Lewis for involving the school in this project and we look forward to continuing our relationships with him and Newport University.

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Mitchell auditioning for his role in GRIM.

Barry Town FC's future 'hanging in the balance'

THE former manager of Barry Town FC has warned the future of the club still hangs in the balance.

The club's supporters are due to meet at the Sea View Labour Club today, Thursday, June 2, at 6.30pm to discuss the latest developments.

Last week, The GEM reported that supporters needed to raise the sum of £125,000 to purchase the club, but they must also be able to make additional payments in years to come.

Former manager Gavin Chesterfield, who is working with the supporters' committee, explained: "There are two dates that are crucial to the future of the club – June 10, the annual dinner of the Welsh league, and June 25, the league's annual meeting.

"By those dates we have to confirm or resign our position in the league.

"We have £65,000 pledged by someone, but that leaves £60,000 for the supporters and perhaps other business people to find.

"If two or three business backers came up with £10,000 each, it would mean the supporters would have to find

£30,000."

Mr Chesterfield said he was content that the £65,000 backer was someone with integrity who could be relied upon.

He said he thought that a consortium which consisted of well-intentioned local business people and the supporters would be good for Barry Town FC.

However, he added that people who had the interests of the club at heart were in a race against time. "The future of the club at this time is very much in the balance," he warned.

One supporter, Jason Pawlin, told The GEM: "The Barry Town Supporters Committee (BTSC) is now a recognised cause on the fundraising website EasyFundraising.org.uk

"For further information on this easy and free way to raise money for the committee, please go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/btsc or simply search for the Barry Town Supporters Committee under the 'support a cause' link and start raising funds for this good cause immediately."

Alan honoured in national competition



(Left to right) Tom Heaven, engineering lecturer Geoff Shaw and Alan Bevan.

BARRY College student Alan Bevan won silver in a national skills competition for his skills as an electrician.

Alan came second in the all-Wales heat of SkillElectric Wales, a competition organised by Sector Skills Council SummitSkills.

The 22-year-old electrical installation Part 3 student from Rhosce can now go on to the UK finals of the competition to reward the best apprentices in the land.

The competition ran over two days at Yale College in Wrexham. Alan, who is an apprentice with Blues Electrical Ltd, represented Barry College's electrical department

and the college's work-based learning subsidiary the Vale of Glamorgan Training Association.

The entrants' performance was assessed with a theory test and a practical test designed to reflect their performance at their everyday work. Alan was awarded a trophy and cheque for £100 for coming second against opponents from all over Wales and now has the chance to go on to compete in the UK finals.

Alan said: "It was a good couple of days and it was really nice to take part. I was both happy to do so well and disappointed to come second.

"The work had a lot of variety and there was a lot to do in the time given."

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Five important facts you need to know about Glaucoma

It is estimated that at least one in 50 people aged over 40 are at risk of having glaucoma, one of the leading causes of preventable blindness in the UK today.

The shocking reality is that 50 per cent of people with glaucoma are currently undiagnosed and therefore unaware of their condition.

In other words, potentially, more than 300,000 people in the UK could be slowly losing their sight without realising it simply because, in most cases, glaucoma has no symptoms in its early stages!

During National Glaucoma Awareness Week, the aim is to raise awareness of glaucoma and encourage everyone over the age of 40 to have a regular routine eye test that includes all three

glaucoma tests (ophthalmoscopy, tonometry and perimetry).

People should do this whether or not they believe anything is wrong with their vision.

A 'regular' test would be once every two years.

Many people may have heard of glaucoma, but what do we really know about it? Below are five key facts to remember about the 'silent stealer of sight':

● Glaucoma is an eye condition that in most cases gives no warning symptoms

● Everyone is at risk of glaucoma, especially those over the age of 40

● Glaucoma has very effective treatments, but if left untreated it leads to blindness

● Early diagnosis and effective treatment can prevent blindness

● Regular eye health checks at least every two years give the

best possible chance of early detection and the preservation of vision

David Wright is the chief executive officer of the International Glaucoma Association and he explained: "A comprehensive eye test for glaucoma, including all three glaucoma tests, is painless, quick and amazingly good value for money when compared with the consequences of losing your vision.

"The eyes may be or may not be the windows to the soul, but they are certainly a very important window through which only a skilled eye examiner can see a wide range of important things to the benefit of the individual and society as a whole."

For more information about glaucoma, visit: www.glaucoma-association.com; or call the IGA sightline (helpline) on 01233 64 81 70.

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Dr Adrian Jones from Jones & Jones Optometrists explained: "There are about 500,000 people in Wales and England with glaucoma, and about 70 million worldwide.

"It is estimated that up to 50 per cent of people with glaucoma are undiagnosed. There are no symptoms until extensive irreversible damage has occurred. Fortunately, glaucoma is easily treated but early diagnosis is essential in preventing irreversible vision loss.

"To increase your chance of being diagnosed early, you should visit your optometrist at least every two years – or more frequently if you have a first degree relative with glaucoma.

"You should ensure you receive the three basic tests that are available from all optometrists, which are: intraocular pressure measurement, inspection of the optic nerve and

visual field testing. For some patients these tests may be available on the NHS; for others, there will be a charge.

"There are a few specialist optometrists, such as myself, who will offer additional tests designed to increase the accuracy of the diagnosis, and clinics for those people who require treatment."

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TAYPAYERS' ALLIANCE ON THE ATTACK IN A DISPUTE OVER 'RESETTLEMENT GRANT'

Vale MP defends his £29k farewell payment

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns has defended his decision to take a £29,000 Assembly 'resettlement grant'.

Assembly Members who stood down when the Assembly was dissolved at the end of March were entitled to the payment, but the Taxpayers' Alliance said it wasn't justified.

Charlotte Linacre, a manager at the organisation which campaigns to make politicians and public bodies accountable

to the taxpayer, claimed: "It's shocking that Alun Cairns has taken a resettlement grant created for jobless politicians, when he's actually waltzing off to Westminster."

"There is clearly no justification for milking this over-generous redundancy pay-off."

"He wasn't kicked out, he left, so he should give the money back."

"It's not right that taxpayers' money funds golden goodbyes when a term finishes, much less when they step down voluntarily, so profiting before

walking straight back into a parliamentary role is outrageous."

A Vale councillor also took issue with the payment.

Coun Gwyn John, who represents Llantwit Major, commented: "It is appalling to take a resettlement payment when he was resettled in a higher-paid job in Westminster."

"It sums up the current climate among politicians. We have seen this too often."

Mr Cairns was the regional Member for South Wales West when he was elected as MP for

the Vale of Glamorgan in May 2010.

He continued in both roles, but voluntarily forfeited his Assembly pay.

Mr Cairns stated: "I have not taken an AM's salary for the last year, but have received the resettlement grant after 12 years' service."

"The grant payment follows the precedent set by Dafydd Wigley, Rhodri Morgan, Ieuan Wyn Jones and others over recent years."

Dow Corning picks up best workplace plaudits



LEFT: Tom O'Byrne (CEO GPTW Institute UK), alongside Peter Donovan, Bunni Odumosa, Stacey-Davies, Dave Bentley, Lyn Evans, Dave Brookes, Georgina Bryl, Leanne Richards, Kristy Healey (Dow Corning employee) and Bill Turnbull (BBC breakfast television presenter and MC for the evening).

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Dow Corning currently employs 581 staff at its Barry site.

READER'S VIEW

A 'Golden Mile' for safety - or revenue?

I WAS interested to read the Vale of Glamorgan Council's extensive survey and actions taken on the Barry Docks Link Road because of the number of fatalities and accidents there.

Especially intriguing is the reduction in the speed limit from 60mph to 50mph.

This is the same reduction implemented on the Pentre Meurig crossroads on the A48 near Cowbridge - another black spot with fatalities and accidents over the years.

So can the council explain why, on possibly the straightest, safest road in the Vale, the national speed limit was reduced to 40mph?

I am referring to the section of A48 between the rail crossing near the Ford factory entrance and the junction with the B4524, where the only hazard may be a rabbit darting out from the grass or an aeroplane mistaking it for a runway!

I note the Link Road survey included the

speed camera unit which determined that the site did not meet the criteria for a speed camera, fixed or mobile. What was that criteria?

Over the last two years more than 3,000 motorists had their wallets and purses raided for exceeding the 40mph limit on this stretch of the A48. With the amount of money they have collected the Police are no doubt embarrassed about the old name of the road 'Golden Mile', so have designated it 'Brocastle'.

I do not think I'm being cynical when I wonder what was the criteria for a mobile camera on this section of the A48, safety or revenue?

There is no logical or safety reason for a 40mph speed limit on this section of A48 so why don't the council consider their ratepayers and return the road to its original national limit and stop the police from branding good drivers as bad ones?

HT Hailes, Cowbridge

In Business Update

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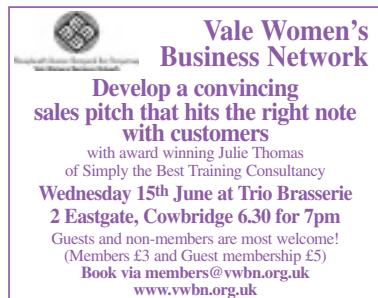
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POINT-TO-POINT BIDS FAREWELL TO 'POPULAR RACECOURSE' BONVILSTON

HORSE RACING fans who attended the Countryside Alliance (Wales) Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Redlands Farm, Bonvilston, on Bank Holiday Monday were shocked to learn that they will no longer be flocking to this most popular racecourse.

Former rider Tudor Harris, who owns the land the races are held on, said: "There are a number of reasons why racing won't be taking place here in the future and the situation wasn't helped when a racegoer who was knocked down by a loose horse last year decided to sue the hunt."

He added: "It is also hard getting people to lend a hand and the costs of everything needed to stage a point-to-point these days have gone up a lot."

Point-to-point steeplechasing has been taking place at Redlands Farm ever since 1997, and it is the home of the Welsh Point-To-Point Grand National, a race that has attracted horses and riders from all over the country.

Cheltenham Gold Cup winning jockey Sam Waley Cohen won the race a record three times on *Down* in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Meanwhile, the amazing five-year-old *Findlay's Find* (Nick Williams) landed the Tim Vaughan Racing Mixed Open Race in fine style, coming home an official 14 lengths ahead of the useful 10-year-old *Balearic Star*

(James Tudor). The other two runners *Cottage River* and *Saucy Bingo* were both pulled up.

Findlay's Find was winning for the eighth time this season and according to Williams, who has won the Welsh Riders' Championship, "He jumped better than ever."

Racing got under way with the 4,5,6 and 7-year-old Open Maiden Race and Jodie Hughes, who has won the Welsh Ladies' Championship, survived a last fence blunder on *Swaheely Girl* to win by half-a-length from *Cardigan Island* (George Humphrey).

Owened and trained by Pontypridd's Luke Price, *Swaheely Girl*, a five-year-old bay mare, was racing for only the second time, and was described by Luke, who was saddling his fifth winner of the season, as "A bit of a bitch".

Luke is hoping to attract more owners and can be contacted on 07776 007083.

Joseph Williams (18) of St Mellons, rode a cracking race on Jack Rowsell's 10-year-old grey *Stoneriggs Merc* who got up on the run-in to win by half-a-length from the favourite *Ask The Thatcher* (Robbie Llewellyn).

A length down at the last fence, *Stoneriggs Merc*, a winner over the course earlier this season, and who stands some 17 hands high and being a grey, was an appropriate winner of The Grey Kid Memorial Trophy!

Wyn Morris's popular *Grey Kid*, it will be remembered, sadly dropped dead after fin-

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee



ishing a close second at Treccoed last season.

The eight-year-old and over Aged Maiden Race was won by Chloe Roddick's nine-year-old chestnut gelding *Nosler* who took it up five fences from the finish to win by 20 lengths from *Peter-Man* (David Pritchard).

Nosler was ridden for the first time by Tom David who 24 hours earlier had been riding in a steeplechase in France.

Tom's grandfather Jim Thomas, a former leading point-to-point rider himself in the 1950s, was acting as a steward for the last time, having served for around 30 years.

Doctor Simon Clarke's 10-year-old bay gelding *Diddle'Em* gave Paul Tolman his 11th winner of the season when out-jumping

his six rivals to win the Intermediate Race by eight lengths from the favourite *Mac Two* (James Tudor).

Winners: *Young Horse Maiden:* *Swaheely Girl* (Jodie Hughes) 7-1.

Novice Riders: *Stoneriggs Merc* (Joseph Williams) 6-1.

Restricted: *Sheer Brilliance* (Bradley Gibbs) 7-1.

Mixed Open: *Findlay's Find* (Nick Williams) 2-9 fav.

Aged Horse Maiden: *Nosler* (Tom David) 11-2.1.

Intermediate: *Diddle'Em* (Paul Tolman) 4-1.

Pony Racing 128CM: *Bugsy* (Jack Tudor) 3-1.

138CM: *Penway Tap Dance* (Lorcan Williams) 1-3 fav.

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ABOVE: Action from the last point-to-point meeting at Bonvilston

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Gavin and Stacey fan's mega-marathon boosts Help for Heroes charity



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At Barry Island, he was welcomed by Vale Mayor, John Clifford and Marco Zeraschi, of Marco's Cafe fame.

Vale MP Alun Cairns ran the last leg with Richard who explained:

"I wanted to come up with an unusual way of raising money for Help for Heroes."

"By day two of the challenge, I was struggling but it was great when the sun came out to greet my arrival in Barry."

Anyone wishing to support Richard's marathon, and attempt to raise £20,000, should go to:

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Weather no problem for Sea View Lads AC

HIGH winds and plentiful rain have made fishing challenging at times, but on May 22, the bad weather didn't prevent some good fishing, and a number of double figure bags were weighed in.

First was Paul Crook with a total of 31lb 7ozs that included a 13lb 7 oz blonde, bass 3lb 7ozs spotted ray, rockling and a few dogs.

This weight would have been

even better but a large ray couldn't be landed due to the conditions!

Second was Aida Harris with a bag of 21lb 4ozs that included a conger of 6lb 9ozs, a thornback, 6lb 6ozs and a few dogs.

In third was Mickey Langford with a bag of dogs for 11lb 4ozs, Dan Stilton took fourth place with a bag of dogs for 7lb 15ozs, and last but not least, was Bus pass with a 1lb dog.

Unluckiest angler on the day was Lyndon Spry, who had a few dogs, but fishing alone had no one to weigh them for him.



Alun Cairns MP with James Kirkpatrick, works manager at Aberthaw.

MP welcomes Lafarge consultation promise

VALE MP Alun Cairns has welcomed a commitment by Lafarge to fully consult with the community over plans to burn two new waste fuels at the plant.

Mr Cairns met senior managers from Lafarge at the public exhibition held in Rhose Community Centre last week to view their plans to use waste-derived fuels.

The exhibition, staged as part of the pre-consultation process by Lafarge, provided the opportunity for local residents and businesses to come along and view the plans for the implementation of the two waste-derived fuels.

Aberthaw Works manager, James Kirkpatrick outlined Lafarge Cement's desire to move away from fossil fuels and to further reduce emissions from the works.

Mr Cairns reported: "It was useful to meet James Kirkpatrick and his team again, and to be able to see the waste materials that would be used."

"I was also keen to find out more about their fuel sourcing plans for the future of the works, particularly their criteria for choosing two other waste derived fuels."

"I was pleased that the plans to introduce new methods of fuel supply would only be undertaken with an extensive pre-consultation process with the Environment Agency and residents alike."

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Historic roots adapted to house a diverse range of modern businesses . . .

REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

TRADERS at Bridgend Industrial Estate are keen to raise their profile in the wake of a decision by Bridgend planners to make them remove their directional signs.

The council dropped its bombshell last month when letters were sent out ordering people to remove signs advertising the location of their businesses or face enforcement action.

However, businesses on the estate are hoping that the row, which was featured in The GEM and other local newspapers, can be turned to their advantage by drawing attention to the fact that there are more than 100 businesses on the estate offering a wide range of products and services.

The site was developed during the war as the location of the Royal Ordnance factory – known locally as the Arsenal. This drew in thousands of workers every day from miles around – brought in by bus and train.

Thankfully, the German bombers never located it, and after the war it was redeveloped as Bridgend trading estate.

In those days, it was the home of many factories, including the old Christie Tyler furniture group. Other familiar names included Miles Laboratory (Alka Seltzer), Nu Stylo (shoes) and Zimmer Orthopaedic.

Many of these firms, who provided employment for thousands of people, have long gone – along with more recent arrivals including Sony.

But the estate has adapted, and now houses a diverse range of businesses, including some which manufacture goods and others which provide goods and services to the public.

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Traders raise profile and turn controversy to their advantage..!

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Someone who has been trading for 20 years is Dennis Theodore of Theodore Reclamation, whose business is located in one of the original arsenal buildings still on the estate.

He has seen many changes, but points out that businesses on the estate still offer a great choice to people needing specific items.

His firm, which he runs with his wife and son, specialises in offering reclaimed items - including flagstones, beautiful wood flooring and other timber, bathroom fittings, railway sleepers, old bricks, dressed stone plus doors and some windows.

The company has also extended its garden section where it sells mainly new items including statues, bird-baths and other items for use outdoors. It also sells old chimney pots which people use as planters.

The firm buys items from all over the country - sometimes from old churches and chapels as well as other older buildings.

"Reclamation is now big business nationally," said Mr Theodore. "People are realising the quality that's in these older products."

CAMPING

Steve Matthews of Bridgend Camping and Leisure Ltd has been in business for four years and occupies a unit within the old Sony complex.

The business sells camping and caravan accessories including tents, sleeping bags, camp beds, cookers and everything else that you could possibly need

to either go off in a tent or a caravan.

"We are a one-stop shop," he explained. "We can supply everything that people need. Camping has become more glamorous than it used to be and people now enjoy luxuries in their tents including electric light, heating, portable toilets and even a telly."

Mr Matthews said that the problem over the signs was affecting the business.

Bridgend Ltd who are the Vauxhall, Chevrolet and Mazda dealers. FRF, which also has a car dealership in Swansea, took over the Bridgend business, previously owned first by Jacksons and later by Burtons.

HIGH-PROFILE

Sales manager Mark James, has been with them 17 years altogether including eight in Bridgend.

The firm offers new and used cars, as well as servicing, MOTs and repairs. In all, 40 people are employed there.

The firm occupies a high-profile site and Mr Jones said that customers were able to locate them easily.

GALVANISING

Another firm on the estate is Joseph Ash Galvanising which employs 21 people.

David Satterthwaite, the divisional manager, explained that the firm galvanises products brought to it.

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The firm has been in Bridgend for 25 years and business is starting to pick up after a quiet patch.

He said that the firm's name had been taken off the large sign at the entrance to the estate and as a result, one customer had been unable to find them.

"But we are in quite a visible position and most of our customers seem to have sat nav, so we don't expect many problems," he added.



Left to right: Alan Blacker of Almesco; Emma Cox of CCS Wales Hot Tubs and Dennis Theodore with one of the direction signs put up by Dennis Theodore that council officers say will have to be removed.

"We had arrows telling people to go straight along Kingsway and then one telling them where to turn in. Since they have been taken down, I am having people ringing to say that they cannot find us."

"I assume that other people who cannot find us don't ring and just go."

He said that businesses on the estate pay their rates and were just trying to make a living.

"We are getting nothing back," he said. "Thankfully, we have a band of very loyal customers and I just hope that if people get lost, they will ring."

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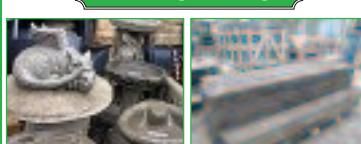
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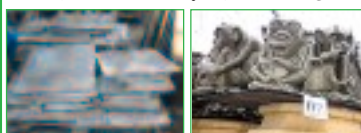
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YOU would have needed the prediction skills of Nostradamus to have said that one of the cinematic highlights of the summer of 2009 would have been three men losing a groom before a wedding, and their hangover-afflicted plans to find him.

Yet *The Hangover* was, critically and commercially, a hit, and the desire for more adventures, coupled with healthy box office, has made *The Hangover Part II* a reality.

This time around, Phil (Bradley Cooper), Stu (Ed Helms), and Alan (Zach Galifianakis) travel to Bangkok for Stu's wedding, only to find themselves in another post-blackout misadventure which sees faces new and old crop up to help, and hinder, them...

The pressures of being a sequel are high. Will the second outing be able to match, or even surpass the thrill of the first time around, or will it flounder under the weight of expectation and a lack of ambition, driven by a desire to replicate what made that first outing so successful.

It's something those involved in *The Hangover Part II* will no doubt have been aware of, and the end result, while laugh out

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

loud hilarious, does find itself stuck between these two extremes.

With the opening sequence playing out as an update of the same opening of part one, you're not quite sure whether director Todd Phillips and fellow writers Craig Mazin and Scot Armstrong are ironically referencing films that retreat old ground or just consciously framing the film in the same way.

What unfolds is more or less part one with a few more twists and turns while introducing new characters (such as Stu's soon-to-be brother-in-law Teddy) or showing more of existing ones (Ken Jeong's Chow). This certainly shows a lack of imagination by the screenwriters, but is just about excusable by virtue of the laughs on show.

Now, this film certainly isn't for the faint of heart, or those who believe crudity to be the lowest form of wit; but

those with a more open mind will find much to laugh at as the characters are put through the wringer with scant regard for sympathy or their health.

Certainly the stakes are raised, as is the level of gross-out comedy on show, and the laughter very rarely dissipates as the writers conjure up more ways to tickle your bone and test your gag reflex at the same time.

It's just a shame that the actual story isn't a touch more daring and fresh, rather than the reheated morsels we are given.

Phillips' direction doesn't veer too far from the template he set himself first time round, lensing Bangkok with the gratuity you would expect, with the occasional bit of action stylishly done, while the performances are, as expected, up to scratch.

Once more, spell-check nemesis Zach Galifianakis runs away with proceedings as the seemingly development-arrested Alan, whose antics raise the most laughs, while Bradley Cooper and Ed Helms both deliver more than their fair share of comedy, if a touch short of charm.

If Ken Jeong is a little too unleashed as crazy gangster Chow, then it is compensated by the performance of a monkey in a sleeveless denim Rolling Stones jacket – the antics the animal gets up to have to be seen to be believed!

Beneath the bawdy atmosphere and the thrill of seeing characters you have engaged with again, there is the feeling that *The Hangover Part II* is treading over already worn ground, and you would be right – however, when it still leaves you rolling in the aisles with laughter, you can't complain too much!

VERDICT – A story that does little more than follow the template of its forerunner is rescued by its highly hilarious comedy, making *The Hangover Part II* a worthwhile viewing experience. Those easily offended should steer clear but those with an impish sense of humour will find much to enjoy.

Highly recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Hangover*, *Very Bad Things*, *Borat*.

The Penarth Computer Club: Keyboard shortcuts

KEYBOARD shortcuts are worth revisiting because they are such terrific time-savers; they are combinations of two or more keys that, when pressed, perform a task that would otherwise require several mouse-clicks.

They make it easier to interact with your computer, saving time and effort when using Windows and most applications.

Howard explained that in most key combinations, one of the keys will be a modifier key, in that it changes the action produced when pressing the other key.

The most common example would be the Shift key. Its usual job is to moderate the action of a letter key-press by changing the case of the letter (to a lower-case letter if the Caps Lock is on). But it does other things as well.

It reverses the action of some keyboard shortcuts if it is held down as the shortcut is used.

It also helps with text selection. If you hold down the Shift key and select text using the

arrow keys, it is possible to start and end the selection within a word. To do this with a mouse is just about possible, but exceedingly frustrating because the mouse wants to select complete words. It might not seem like much of a difference, but it comes into its own if you do a lot of editing.

There are more ways of being precise with the text you are selecting. Try these.

A single click will place the cursor within the text. A double-click will select the whole word. A triple-click will select a whole paragraph.

But if you hold down the Control Key and click in the text, you will select exactly a single sentence whether it is a complete paragraph or just part of a paragraph. (You can also use this little trick to see that your sentences are not so long that they are difficult to understand.)

Don't forget the Page Up and Page Down keys for speed of navigating around a document.

Control+Home goes to the start of the document (or cell A1 on a spreadsheet page); Control+End goes to the end of the document (or the last occupied cell on a spreadsheet page).

Members were reminded that there are hundreds of shortcuts available – far too many to list here. Google 'Keyboard shortcuts' and you will see for yourself. There are lists of favourites and lists of shortcuts grouped together for operating systems or for applications.

Remember that if you find yourself wishing for a shortcut you are not alone. Someone has almost certainly created it already. You just have to find it!

During your search you will probably find several others that you will find useful and you will end up with your own list of favourites.

We next meet on Tuesday, June 14 at All Saints Lesser Hall at 7.30pm. Chris will explain the basics of setting up a home network. Visitors welcome. Call 02920 708439 or visit the website www.penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

HOWARD DESMOND

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DAREDEVIL GRAN JENNY COMING BACK FOR MORE!

by PHILIP IRWIN

ST ATHAN'S daredevil granny, Janet Warren, made headlines in The GEM last year when she tackled a charity abseil from the top of the Celtic Manor Hotel just outside Newport.

It proved to be a successful venture, and she raised more than £500 for her chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Care.

It also turned out to be an "exhilarating experience" and Janet is going back to Newport again this year, to take on an even more scary chal-

lenge – an abseil from the top of the historic Newport Transporter Bridge!

She told The GEM: "It is very different, not least because the drop is more than 170 ft – almost double last year's!"

There's more too, because the abseil at the Celtic Manor was down the side of the building, and reaching the top was a matter of taking the lift.

The transporter bridge, however, will involve an abseil into thin air, not moving down a wall in a series of steps.

Janet will have to step out from the top, and rely on the experts to get her down to the base in one piece.

She said: "My husband David is not too keen on this one, but last year was so exciting that I had to try. It is being organised by the same team, and I have so much confidence in them that I am sure it will be even more of a

thrill!" There is one small problem, however. The historic transporter bridge has no lift, so Janet faces a long climb up ladders to get in position for the abseil.

She said: "I am definitely the oldest taking part, and most of the others seem to be fit young men who are firefighters or soldiers. I have had to get into training going up stairs so I don't hold everyone up!"

The abseil is on Sunday, June 26, and Janet is one of the first to go. She is scheduled to be in position and ready to go between 9am and 9.30am.

She said: "Macmillan does wonderful work and I am hoping to beat last year's fundraising total."

"I will be out and about distributing sponsorship forms, and I hope that people will sign up. I can also be contacted on 07719 776510."

She added: "People can also make a donation direct to Macmillan by going on to their website."

Miss Wales finalists leave off make-up!

MISS BRIDGEND, Stephanie Lubbock (24), and the other Miss Wales finalists gave up make-up for a week – to support The Joshua Foundation,

which provides holidays and experiences for children with cancer and their families.

Stephanie from Porthcawl was aiming to increase her fundraising total for the charity.

Miss Newport finalist, Zara Jones, came up with the fundraising idea and Pat Cornelius, official ambassador for The Joshua Foundation, said: "I do admire these girls – they're much braver than I am. It's a

wonderful gesture that the contestants are putting sick children before themselves."

In recent years, the competition has raised more than £300,000 for The Joshua Foundation, and the finalists are hoping the make-up ban will help them smash last year's fundraising total of £60,000.

Miss Wales 2011 will be crowned at the grand final on Saturday, July 2 at St David's Hall and will then go on to represent Wales at Miss World in London later in the year.

The reigning Miss Wales is 21-year-old Courtenay Hamilton, from St Donats.

VILLAGE FETE

LLANDOUGH Community Council, in partnership with local organisations, will be holding its annual village fete on Saturday, June 11, starting at 2pm in King George V Memorial Playing Fields, situated off Leckwith Road.

As well as a range of stalls selling a wide range of items, there will be many special attractions, including Mr T Ricks (magician), the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band, the Desert Divas, Llandough School singers and dancers, classic buses and bikes, bouncy castle, children's races and a pet competition.

Win a set of royal stamps with The Glamorgan GEM

THE champagne corks have popped, the couple have returned from honeymoon – but there is still a way to celebrate the royal event of the year – with a set of Royal Mail commemorative stamps.

Royal Mail in Wales is giving away presentation packs of the stamps that celebrate the royal couple, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, as they announced their wedding plans.

The stamps themselves feature the two official engagement portraits taken by the world renowned photographer, Mario Testino.

As with all Royal Mail's commemorative

stamps, The Queen gave final approval for the issue, with Prince William also involved in the approval of these stamps.

To enter the competition all you have to do is answer the following question:

The royal couple are the Duke and Duchess of where?

- Cambridge.
- Xanadu.
- Essex.

Answers on a postcard, marked 'Royal Stamps' to The Glamorgan GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL, no later than Friday, June 10.

No correspondence will be entered into and the judge's decision is final – good luck!

Out and About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON, WHEN AND WHERE

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Andy Banks and the Mayoress will be continuing the regular coffee mornings on the first Saturday of each month, starting this Saturday, June 4.

This year, the Mayor's charities are Wales Air Ambulance and Marie Curie Cancer Care, and all are welcome at the Mayor's Parlour between 10.30am and 12.30pm for a cup of tea or coffee and cake for £2.50 per person, in aid of these charities.

Ward

surgery

THE Labour councillors for Castletand ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, June 4, between 10.30am and 12pm at the Drop In Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment is necessary. If you need

Test match ticket winners

THE winners of our competition for tickets to the England - Sri Lanka cricket test match were Brian Cooper of Barry and John Brace of Southern Down. **Congratulations to you both!**

advice but can't attend the surgery, contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506116 or 01446 401 595.

Gardens

visits
GARDENS will be open as part of the National Open Gardens scheme in Llanmaes and Llantwit Major on Sunday, June 5 at 11am - 5pm. Admission £4 inclusive. Follow the yellow NGS signs to reach us. Refreshments available at two gardens.

Family service

AA Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a special family service for Pentecost on Sunday, June 12 at 10am for all ages to participate.

Refreshments served afterwards; all welcome.

Monks

Wood meeting

THERE will be an open meeting with the Woodland Trust on Friday, June 17 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Wick, to discuss the development and management of Monks Wood, Wick. **More help**

Shamones rock!

SATURDAY (June 4) sees the return, to the West End, of Barry's own Ramones tribute band 'The Shamones'.

It features brothers, Andy and Dave Johnson and ex-Damned bass player, Bryn Merrick, and has a repertoire of

in store!

BON MARCHE at Holton Road in Barry has collected old and unwanted mobile phones in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

Spokeswoman Sandra Downing explained: "The management and staff at the store have now decided to extend this for a couple more weeks, as we have had a fantastic response since the notice was printed in your newspaper a couple of weeks ago, and would love to help the charity some more."

"We also have in store the famous h4h wrist bands and a collection tin to pop in your spare coppers," she added.

Whit Sunday service

ON Whit Sunday (June 12) at 2.30pm, the United Christian Churches in Pencoed will be holding a service on the green opposite the Co-op.

If raining, the service will be held in the Welfare Hall. All are welcome.

Local artist is mentor to artistic carers

AN artist from Wick is exhibiting some of her work as part of an exhibition in the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

Following on from her exhibition of drawings at St Donat's Art Centre last March, Sol Jorgensen has now secured a place for some of her work for six months in the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, at the entrance to Seren Ward.

Also on show is work done with the Rhondda Carers Centre and Gwanwyn Festival, and it features selections from *The Journal*

Project, which was created by Sol.

The panels on show were completed with exciting individual pieces by each member of the group, covering poems and drawings or textiles.

Sol said: "These panels speak of the lives of carers in small communities. Each person had a voice and a story and an individual style."

"I was able to help others put pen and pencil to paper to create a celebration, which was also shown by Jane Hutt in the Senedd."

'People of the Past' bring the Vale's history to life

THE 'People of the Past' once again brought history to life, deploying military vehicles to King's Square in support of Barry Library's Intergenerational Day and book launch event.

On Saturday May 21 King Square and the County Library was a focal point for both heritage and literature in the Vale, as local authors Dr Jonathan Hicks and Eileen Younghusband launched their new military history novels.

Dr Hicks gave a presentation to guests, where he explained that his new novel, *The Dead of Mametz*, is a crime thriller set amid the horrors of the First World War trenches.

He explained that the characters were based on images of unknown soldiers found on WW1

postcards.

Eileen Younghusband's latest novel, *One Woman's War*, tells the story of how, during her days in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, she helped to detect the launch sites of Hitler's notorious V-weapon flying bombs during the Second World War.

Also present at the Vale Inter-generational Day was Jane Hutt AM, who met with young volunteers gaining many skills and great experience as well as older volunteers enjoying bringing wartime history to life.

She said: "It was great to get involved with 'the forces' young and old during the inter-generational day as a part of the Vale Learning

Vale gardens open to public for National Garden Scheme...

THE National Garden Scheme helps to raise money for charities such as Marie Curie, Help for Heroes and Macmillan Cancer Support and over the weekend June 4-5, a number of Vale locations are taking part.

Five gardens in Llyswoyney will be open, together with St Tydfil's Church which dates back to the 13th Century.

Black Barn House has a garden designed on circular linking themes which are divided by using trellis, archways

and trees.

Brocton House offers a recently extended and renovated garden arranged in terraces overlooking open farmland and countryside.

The Chase is an informal garden backing on to farmland with an interesting mix of perennials, shrubs and roses.

Springfield House is a terraced garden offering beautiful views from the front. There is also a pond, rhododendrons, herbaceous borders and an abundance of wildlife in a quiet little lane.

Wolf House is an old established walled cottage offering mainly perennials and roses. There will be a plant sale at Wolf House.

The gardens in Llyswoyney will be open

on June 5 from 2pm to 6pm.

Llanmaes, a mile from Llantwit Major, will have front and back gardens on view including an eclectic mix of large and smaller gardens attached to historic houses, farm-houses, modern houses and cottages.

Plantings are varied from cottage garden style to formal, with clipped yew and box hedging. There are vegetable plots, water features, ponds, streams and woodland settings, container gardens, ducks and chickens.

Llanmaes gardens will be open on June 5 from 11am - 5pm, the charge is £3.

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ST LYTHANS

where the stones go to bathe in the river

AT Cogan Leisure Centre, the rain fell and the wind blew and after consultation, the three walkers that joined Joy all agreed to remain on home territory and save the planned walk to Skenfrith for another day!

Making their way to the Woodland Trust car park at Michaelston, wet weather gear was donned and they set off through the lush buttercup meadows at Casehill and over the footbridge, to follow the Cadoxton River through fields and emerge at Michaelston-le-Pit.

Walking the quiet lane they reached The Lawns and turned east into Limekiln Wood, then down through the long wet grass at Cwm Slade to follow the road where wild strawberries were

spotted in the hedgerow, to reach Wenvoe village.

As the rain had stopped and the sun put in an appearance it seemed a good place to stop on the green to enjoy some refreshment and dry out.

Climbing through a field they entered woodland and passed through the orchid meadow with its collection of common spotted orchid.

Then upon reaching Twyn-yr-Odyn they took the footpath that runs behind the Wenvoe Transmitting Station, which further along was very overgrown following some rainfall that had boosted the foliage growth.

Grass and ferns had been cut at the Downs and continuing on past earth working at Vianshill Farm, they crossed a large cropped field into part of Coed Nant-bran and at the next stile had to rescue a lamb

that had got its head stuck in the wire fence.

Cropped fields, with a strong wind blowing in their faces led them downhill to Dyffryn which dates back to 640AD when it was known as the Manor of Worlton and rented to the Button family.

The name was changed to the Manor of Dyffryn during the 18th century when the estate was sold to Thomas Pryce who built the original Dyffryn House.

Some road-walking followed which led them to Maes y Felin (or mill field) where the St Lythans burial chamber stands with its huge capstone measuring 14 foot by 10 foot and which was originally covered with a mound of earth or stones.

Legend has it that any wish whispered to the stones at Halloween is granted and on Midsummer's Eve it is alleged the capstone spins three times while the stones go down to the river to bathe.

It was too windy there to stop for lunch but a dip in a field further along made them a bit more comfortable.

By now the sky had turned blue, the sun was shining and the still blustery wind was on their backs as they continued past Goldsland Wood and onto the Wenvoe golf course to Burdonshill.

Passing through a field of long grass, which was hard work on the legs, the group dropped down to Wenvoe village continuing through the underpass to join fields leading to Wrinstone

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS ROUND-UP

Farm and en route catching sight of a lesser spotted woodpecker above in the trees.

Entering woodland at Cwrt-yr-Ala they followed the Wrinstone brook down through the salmon leaps, disturbing two grey herons that flew off, finding a slow worm and spotting a dragon fly before joining the road and crossing the stone bridge at Bullcroft.

Tramping through the barley fields where the tall green spikes of barley were being tossed around in the wind they reached the Millfields, where a horse and rider were crossing the ford, before re-crossing the Cadoxton River bridge to climb gently up into Casehill Woods and follow woodland paths back to their start.

On June 5, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile mod/hard walk at Rhosilli; contact Val H on 029 2051 3274.

On June 9, meet 7pm at Cosmeston Country Park for a five-mile easy/mod walk at Cosmeston and Lavernock.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For details of other walks please log onto <http://www.ramblers.org.uk>. Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 02920 219102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Vintage vehicle club's run from Penarth to Porthcawl



PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

ON Sunday, May 22, the 23rd seaside run of the Vintage Motor Cycle Club took place.

The run started in Penarth and went via Nash Point to Porthcawl, where the group assembled at the Seabank Hotel before returning to Penarth.

Vintage cars were also included in the event.



Praise for volunteers



The AM is pictured with Nona Hexter, Samantha Jenkins and Gay Fifield.

AGE CONCERN'S spring fayre on May 23 at the Senior Health Shop on Holton Road, Barry, was opened by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She commented: "Opening the fayre

gave me the opportunity to thank the many volunteers, led by Gaye Fifield, who work tirelessly for Age Concern and all those they serve, organising events, outings, meetings, trips and fundraising events to make it all possible."

Windsor men win again...

WINDSOR men's 2nd team continued their undefeated run with two more wins in the last week.

Travelling to Firbankdale in Newport they enjoyed a comfortable win 7-2, and followed this by smashing Lisvane at home in a 9-0 rout. The Firbankdale match was played in a howling gale, with captain Jon Cox and partner Dyfri Owen leading the way with a hat trick of wins.

Talented young Morgan Williams made his debut for the 2nds, pulling off two wins and losing a tie break match alongside the experienced and skilful Guy Bradley.

John Adamson and Mark Rhodes lost their first rubber in a tie break, and showed tenacity to come back and beat their remaining opponents in straight sets.

The 2nds win over Lisvane was even more straightforward for the Windsor men.

Paul Hudson made his debut, playing alongside the stylish Tom Sidford, and they disposed of their opposition in straight sets.

Cox and Owen didn't drop any sets as they cruised to victory, while Rhodes and Dan Pitt faced two third set tie breaks, but held their nerve to emerge winners.

The promotion-chasing team faces a tough challenge when they travel to Cardiff Castle to play their 4th side, in what promises to be a stern test; the following day they entertain

Cwmbran at home.

Meanwhile, Windsor Men's 4th team went down to a heavy 7-2 defeat away at Allt-Yr-Yn in Newport.

The saving grace, from the Penarth perspective, was the excellent performance of young Jack Davies, who teamed up with Matt Holmes to pull off two wins in an otherwise bleak afternoon for the visitors. NG

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Mr Jason Meadows – 90 Woodham Park, Barry –

Proposed single storey extension to rear to form family room.

Mr William Thomas – 1 Boon Close, Barry – Two storey extension to provide additional specialised accommodation for elderly parents.

Mr Harry Jones – Old School House, Cardiff Road, Cowbridge – Felling of four ash trees.

Mr Christopher Leeke – Ty Hensol, Hensol Park, Hensol – Two storey extensions and associated works.

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The Governors of Stanwell School – Stanwell School, Salisbury Avenue, Penarth – Proposed single storey cafeteria extension at Stanwell School, Penarth.

Mr Chris Wood – 30 Dyserth Road, Penarth – Single storey side and rear extension.

Mrs Victoria Hayes – 58E Salop Street, Penarth – Conversion of existing 2 bed dwelling into 2 no. 1 bed self contained flats.

Mr W Marsh – Treetops, St Andrews Road, Dinas Powys – Reduce heavily weighted limbs and crown lift one oak.

Mr Derek Richardson – 31 Albert Road, Penarth –

Extension and conversion to form house.

Messrs Brian and Ian Mead – Trem y Glyn, 8 Windmill Lane, Cowbridge – Removal of condition 12 of application

2009/01006/FUL to remove requirement for patio screens.

Mr James Coombs – 8 Cwrt y Vil Road, Penarth – Single storey rear kitchen extension.

Mr Johann Van Rooyen – 1 Chapel Terrace, Wenvoe – Two storey rear extension.

Mr Mo Misra – Pen y Bryn, Leckwith Road, Llandough – Dormer windows to side and rear elevations.

Miss Racheal Joseph – 6 Glyndwr Avenue, St Athan –

Single storey extension to rear and porch and cloakroom to front elevation.

Ms S Black – 33 Lavernock Road, Penarth – Two storey rear extension.

Mr Tony Wilson – 12 Main Avenue, Peterston Super Ely – Internal alterations and two storey extension(s) to rear of property.

R S Bird Ltd and Waitrose Ltd – R S Bird Ltd, Birds Lane, Cowbridge – Demolition of redundant garden centre buildings and erection of food store

building (approximately 2,074m² gross external area) and non food retail building (approximately 661m² gross external area) and service yard together with 138 car parking spaces, retrouted public footpath and landscaping.

R S Bird Ltd and Waitrose Ltd – R S Bird Ltd, Birds Lane, Cowbridge – Demolition of redundant garden centre buildings.

Mr Anthony Beard – AB Car Sales Ltd, Cardiff Road, Barry – Car sales, servicing and MoT centre.

Mr Mark Vincent – 22 Daniel Hopkin Close, Llantwit Major – Demolition of existing conservatory to rear and erection of new single storey lean to extension to rear.

Mr and Mrs G Bianchi – The Barns, Crossways, Cowbridge – Alterations and extensions including first floor extension to Granny Annexe, two storey glazed link and alteration to fenestration.

Mrs Michele Cutting – 12 Porthkerry Road, Rhosoe – Rear extension incorporating kitchen/dining room.

Mr Wahid Khan – Rear of 2 Barry Road, Barry – Demolition of existing building and construction of new three bedroom

Joy for two Cowbridge pupils, but disappointment for two Bryn Hafren girls in middle distance event!

Words: PETE MORRIS
Pictures: IAN DIXON

THE opening fixture of the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' summer track and field programme – the 16th Combined Events championships was held at a cold and windy Cardiff International Sports Stadium.

Last year, at the same venue, a record number of over 200 pupils took part at the 15th staging.

With the late Easter weekend pushing the start of the summer term back to Tuesday, May 3 and this event being staged on the second day of term, there was a real concern among the association officers that numbers might be well down – but their fears proved unfounded with nearly 200 pupils, including 90 from the Vale, taking part.

Reports of the sportshall successes of George Griffiths have already appeared during the first four months of the year. The Cowbridge pupil has followed that up with an excellent start to the outdoor season. Here, he opened with the top shot performance – an 11.60 metres put which gave him a 50 points lead in the junior boys' competition – the year-9 followed that with a 13.8 hurdles clocking and, by his standards, modest high and long jump performances of 1.50 metres and 5.96 metres to give a four event total of 2,051, and a lead of 156 points.

Even a third, relatively, modest trundle around in his least favourite event, the 800 metres, in 2:40.3, which added only another 130 points, brought a winning, final score of 2,181.

In second place, nearly 120 points behind, was team-mate Tom Trotman, the year-8 finishing on 2,028. It will be really interesting to see what sort of points score this duo can achieve when they really stretch themselves.

The second Cowbridge victory – from Annabel Curle in the junior girls' section – came after a ding-dong battle with Radyr pupil Claire Taylor.

Annabel opened brightly with a 4.30 metres long jump, but a weak shot (6.48 metres) and a not-as-swift-as-Claire hurdles timing of 13.0 seconds left her trailing by 31 points. With both year-9 girls clearing 1.40 metres in the high jump, it all came down to the 800 metres – and this is where the Cowbridge pupil had the upper hand!

Claire ran a steady 2:57.2 but Annabel was quicker with 2:51.8, earning an extra 53 points to claim the title with a score of 2,206.

The two Bryn Hafren disappointments involved year senior girl Ellie Carter in Sarah Herbert in the middles, with both athletes leading after four events but succumbing in the 800 metres.

Ellie started the competition with encouraging performances in the first three events – a 1.40 metres clearance in the high jump, 100 metres in 13.4 seconds and a 4.60 metres long jump – for a 1,600 points total and a lead of over 120. Event four – a modest 6.25 metres shot put – still brought an extended lead of nearly 200 points, but it all came unstuck in the 800 metres.

As nearest rival, Aimee Hendrickson (Bishop of Llandaff), stormed home in 2:45.5, Ellie took nearly another 25 seconds, earning nearly 230 fewer points. The outcome was a win for Hendrickson (2,231) with Ellie taking second on 2,191 points.

In the middle section, year-11 Sarah Herbert enjoyed an absorbing battle with year-10 pupils Laura Trigg (Cardiff High) and Lara Durrani (Glanafan).

The Bryn Hafren pupil hung on over the first three events, at which point Trigg led with 1,373 from Durrani (1,311) with Herbert in third (1,190). Her strong event is the shot – event four – and she made it count, producing an 8.97 metres put, which was good enough to claim the lead on 1,652 points.

Sadly, it all came apart in the 800 as her 3:14.0 (246 points) run was well down on the trio of Trigg, Durrani and Danielle Green, who all clocked times around 2:51.0 for 450 points.

The final positions were: 1st Trigg 2,014; 2nd Durrani 1,985; 3rd Herbert 1,898; 4th Green 1,824.

Top Vale athlete in the middle boys' section was Barry Comprehensive pupil Matthew Collins. After his encouraging winter performances, both indoors and over the country, the Welsh Schools international made a solid start with a series of 15.8 seconds in the 100 hurdles, a 1.55 metres high jump, a best leap of 5.35 metres followed by a shot put of 9.73 metres, and a final 800 in 2:09.3 for 2,543 points, and second place behind St Teilo's year-11 Jonathan Bailey (2,705).

Former St Cyres pupil Bradley Cole, now studying at Barry College, has been making steady progress in the hammer and discus events, but here he showed that he has all-round ability.

Although not sufficiently experienced to trouble Welsh Schools international Jamaal Whyte (St Teilo's, 2,447), he pushed Nick Gallimore (Cardiff High, 2,260) very closely. A series which included a 51.29 metres javelin throw, the longest of the competition, plus a 13.5 seconds 100, a best of 4.42 metres in the long jump and a shot best of 10.15 metres, ended with third place for the Cogan resident



after a 3:17.6 run in the final event, the 1,000 metres.

Vale results

Senior Boys – Sixth Form – (JT, 100, LJ, SP, 1,000) 3 Bradley Cole Barry College 2231 (51.29, 13.5, 4.42, 10.15, 3:17.6); 5 Matt Logsdon Cowbridge 1838 (23.75, 14.0, 4.59, 9.62, 3:09.1); 6 Sam Bunkham Cowbridge 1792 (28.04, 13.4, 5.22, 8.48, 3:38.8); 7 Dillon Morgan Cowbridge 1695 (25.74, 14.2, 4.58, 9.09, 3:21.8); 8 Kyle Garrison Barry College 1200 (30.77, 14.7, 4.05, 5.80, 3:52.0). Middle Boys – Years 10 and 11 – (100H, HJ, LJ, SP, 800)

2 Matthew Collins Barry Comp 2543 (15.8, 1.55, 5.35, 9.73, 2:09.3); 5 Matthew Roan St Cyres 2286 (17.2, 1.65, 5.30, 10.75, 2:27.3); 6 Jacob Briscoe Bro Morgannwg 2130 (17.2, 1.55, 5.30, 10.00, 2:30.0); 8 Ieuan Orton Bro Morgannwg 2031 (16.1, 1.60, 4.92, 8.40, 2:36.0); 9 Harri Williams Bro Morgannwg 2036 (17.3, 1.45, 4.90, 9.60, 2:22.9); 10 Harry Thomas Cowbridge 2017 (15.7, 1.40, 4.87, 8.82, 2:29.2); 13 Will Powell Barry Comp 1724 (19.8, 1.50, 4.79, 10.31, 2:37.9); 15 Elliot Clissold Barry Comp 1673 (19.1, 1.30, 4.36, 8.65, 2:20.2); 16 Scott Laken Cowbridge 1647 (18.5, 1.35, 5.13, 8.98, 2:43.0); 19 Tom Williams Stanwell 1596 (17.8, 1.45, 4.66, 7.43, 2:42.6); 25 Tom Griffiths Bro Morgannwg 1112 (23.2, 1.30, 4.30, 7.09, 2:39.3); Pat Frilles St Richard Gwyn Dnf (17.9, 1.30, 4.43); Rhys Thomas Bro Morgannwg Dnf (19.7, 1.35, 4.62); Jamie Deguara St Richard Gwyn Dnf (23.7, 1.25, 4.40).

Junior Boys – Years 8 and 9 – (SP, 80H, HJ, LJ, 800) 1 George Griffiths Cowbridge 2181 (11.60, 13.8, 1.50, 5.96, 2:49.3); 2 Tom Trotman Cowbridge 2028 (10.71, 14.1, 1.60, 5.24, 2:49.0); 8 Che Pomphrey Stanwell 1553 (7.78, 14.9, 1.20, 4.69, 2:33.4); 11 Ben Owen Llantwit 1487 (5.86, 17.0, 1.30, 4.70, 2:22.0); 12 Nico Wilson Barry Comp 1484 (8.88, 15.0, 1.35, 4.37, 2:50.8); 13 Callum Smith St Cyres 1477 (8.29, 17.4, 1.40, 4.80, 2:40.2); 16 James Walsh Bro Morgannwg 1445 (7.92, 15.6, 1.40, 4.57, 2:51.3); 18 Brad Rosser Cowbridge 1417 (8.37, 15.0, 1.25, 4.91, 3:01.6); 19 Luke Purnell Barry Comp 1391 (7.03, 16.2, 1.35, 4.40, 2:38.9); 22 Lloyd Hawkins Barry Comp 1352 (7.88, 15.8, 1.30, 4.53, 2:51.1); 28 Trenton Scantlebury St Cyres 1275 (8.07, 16.7, 1.25, 4.24, 2:44.0); 32 Dan Bell St Richard Gwyn 1166 (6.89, 16.9, 1.20, 4.16, 2:42.2); 33 Callum Tumilty Barry Comp 1165 (8.56, 15.6, 1.25, 3.96, Dnf); 34 Taylor Harris Bro Morgannwg 1163 (6.30, 15.9, 1.35, 4.10, 2:58.5); 38 Lloyd James St Richard Gwyn 1026 (6.45, 16.3, 1.20, 3.77, 2:53.7); 45 Josh Lewis Stanwell 862 (6.02, 17.4, 1.15, 3.33, 2:49.90); 46 Iwan Mephram Bro Morgannwg 860 (7.82, Disq, 1.25, 4.33, 3:07.40); Luke Dawe St Richard Gwyn Dnf (5.76, 17.3, 1.20, 4.01); Tim Harry Stanwell Dnf (7.64, 18.1); Dafydd George Bro Morgannwg Dnf (6.71, 16.9, 1.25, 4.24).

Senior Girls – Sixth Form – (HJ, 100, LJ, SP, 800) 2 Ellie Carter Bryn Hafren 2191 (1.40, 13.4, 4.60, 6.25, 3:10.1); 6 Georgia Kemeys Cowbridge 1474

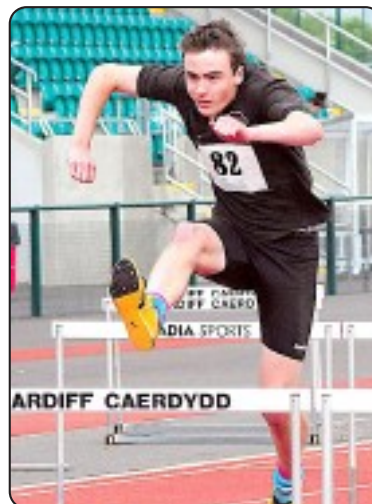


(1.10, 15.2, 3.62, 6.05, 3:01.1); 7 Georgina Jackson Cowbridge 1257 (1.20, 15.7, 3.52, 5.82, 3:28.5); 9 Leeanne Jones Llantwit 1142 (1.15, 15.3, 3.60, 6.00, Dnf); 10 Louise Edwards Cowbridge 1133 (1.10, 16.1, 3.21, 7.61, 3:36.0).

Middle Girls – Years 10 and 11 – (HJ, LJ, 80H, SP, 800)

3 Sarah Herbert Bryn Hafren 1898 (1.35, 3.86, 15.3, 8.97, 3:14.0); 4 Danielle Green St Richard Gwyn 1824 (1.30, 4.10, 16.1, 5.51, 2:51.0); 6 Chloe Phillips Llantwit 1719 (1.25, 3.82, 13.6, 6.68, 3:24.9); 7 Carys Knapman Bryn Hafren 1718 (1.25, 3.88, 14.2, 5.29, 3:07.0); 10 Miriam Bennett Cowbridge 1569 (1.20, 3.65, 16.1, 5.69, 2:58.1); 12 Catrin Cosier Bryn Hafren 1557 (1.35, 3.75, 16.8, 4.90, 3:07.1); 13 Caitlin Allin Cowbridge 1523 (1.30, 3.59, 15.4, 5.55, 3:19.3); 15 Bethan Yapp Bro Morgannwg 1483 (1.25, 3.65, 17.0, 5.90, 3:07.2); 17 Sophie Boyle Stanwell 1439 (1.30, 3.27, 16.5, 5.60, 3:11.3); 18 Erin Murray Stanwell 1431 (1.15, 3.72, 17.1, 5.39, 2:59.9); 19 Zoe Stevens Bro Morgannwg 1416 (1.15, 4.04, 15.1, 5.16, 3:28.9); 22 Kanisha Underdown Bryn Hafren 1341 (1.10, 4.04, 16.9, 3.95, 3:04.4); 27 Aimee Parsons Llantwit 1216 (1.25, 3.64, 17.2, 5.30, 3:39.4); 28 Rachel Hignett St Cyres 1138 (1.10, 3.42, 17.6, 4.81, 3:13.8); 29 Naomi Everitt Bryn Hafren 1127 (1.20, 3.40, 19.6, 5.38, 3:16.4); 30 Liz Whitehouse Cowbridge 1125 (1.05, 3.70, 16.8, 6.39, 3:44.0); 31 Madison Declaire Bro Morgannwg 973 (1.05, 4.08, 22.2, 5.89, 3:28.9); 32 Elle Gwatkin St Richard Gwyn 787 (1.10, 2.62, 17.8, 4.47, 3:44.0); 33 Maryam Chaudhry St Cyres 707 (1.00, 2.76, 18.0, 4.36, 3:44.0).

Junior Girls – Years 8 and 9 – (LJ, SP, 75H, HJ, 800) 1 Annabel Curle Cowbridge 2206 (4.30, 6.48, 13.0, 1.40, 2:51.8); 5 Jessica Morgan Bro Morgannwg 1718 (3.90, 5.82, 13.9, 1.30, 3:10.3); 7 Erin Hayes Llantwit 1592 (3.67, 4.86, 16.2, 1.10, 2:35.8); 10 Rachel Cosier Bryn Hafren 1486 (3.75, 5.59, 15.5, 1.20, 3:05.6); 15 Sarah Lewis Cowbridge 1306 (4.20, 4.20, 15.5, 1.20, 3:33.2); 16 Alice Nottingham Stanwell 1299 (3.76, 4.45, 16.3, 1.20, 3:13.2); 18 Phoebe Nixon Llantwit 1227 (3.40, 5.15, 16.1, 1.25, 3:27.8); 20 Chelsea Siirak Bro Morgannwg 1204 (4.21, 6.18, 18.2, 1.15, 3:36.3); 25 Caitlin Beer St Cyres 1131 (3.29, 5.18, 18.6, 1.20, 3:11.6); 26 Tamara Pitt Llantwit 1097 (3.76, 5.65, 18.0, 1.10, 3:25.3); 27 Chelsea Hutchinson Bryn Hafren 1040 (4.07, 4.18, 18.1, 1.05, 3:23.4); 30 Heulwin Hill St



Richard Gwyn 999 (3.50, 4.90, 18.0, 1.10, 3:24.8); 31 Mille Jones Bro Morgannwg 981 (3.42, 4.67, 16.6, 1.10, 3:36.9); 33 Alesha O'Connor St Richard Gwyn 927 (3.35, 4.85, 17.9, 1.10, 3:32.2); 36 Jennifer Hampton Bro Morgannwg 881 (3.23, 5.68, 18.7, 1.20, Dnf); 37 Caitlin Young Bro Morgannwg 774 (2.84, 4.85, 19.0, 1.10, 3:33.5); 39 Angharad Poole Cowbridge 549 (2.97, 4.04, 18.4, 0.00, 3:34.3); 41 Beth Johnson Stanwell 469 (2.71, 5.89, 25.1, 0.00, 3:29.0); Zoe Jenkins Bryn Hafren Dnf (3.68, 4.52, 15.0, 1.35); Ambra John St Richard Gwyn Dnf (3.79, 6.03, 16.2, 1.05); Tillie Carter Bryn Hafren Dnf (3.72, 4.75, 17.7, 1.20); Phoebe Paley Stanwell Dnf (3.12, 2.91, 18.3, 1.10); Menna George Bro Morgannwg Dnf (3.05, 4.92, 18.7, Dnc, 3:34.70); Abbie Hammett Bryn Hafren Dnf (2.73, 4.33, 19.4, 1.10).

Welsh Schools Combined Events Championships

After these championships, the following Vale pupils were selected to represent Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan district at the Welsh Schools' Combined Events championship to be held at Newport on Saturday, June 25th:

Senior Boys: Bradley Cole and Kyle Garrison (Barry College); Matt Logsdon and Dillon Morgan (Cowbridge).

Middle Boys: Matthew Collins, Elliot Clissold and Will Powell (Barry Comprehensive); Jacob Briscoe, Ieuan Orton & Harri Williams (Bro Morgannwg); Harry Thomas and Scott Laken (Cowbridge); Matthew Roan (St Cyres) and Tom Williams (Stanwell).

Junior Boys: Dafydd George (Bro Morgannwg); George Griffiths and Tom Trotman (Cowbridge); Che Pomphrey (Stanwell).

Senior Girls: Ellie Carter (Bryn Hafren).

Middle Girls: Maisie Matthews (Bro Morgannwg); Sarah Herbert and Carys Knapman (Bryn Hafren); Chloe Phillips, Emma Worrall and Aimee Parsons (Llantwit) and Danielle Green (St Richard Gwyn).

Junior Girls: Jessica Morgan (Bro Morgannwg); Annabel Curle (Cowbridge); Erin Hayes (Llantwit).

The team managers are Miss Emma Williams (Bryn Hafren) and Mr Rhys Beynon (Bro Morgannwg).

David's success at Fairwood



ABOVE: Winners Dave Williams and Ryan Davies with sponsor Islwyn Rees.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, held recently at the vastly improved Fairwood Park Golf Club situated in the heart of the Gower peninsula, attracted a lower than average attendance.

Once again, the fear of members being subject to a medal round rather than the more popular method of playing a stableford competition resulted in a number of questionable withdrawals.

With blustery, damp conditions prevailing it was no surprise that many struggled to perform to their usual standard. Unfortunately, the threat of super injunctions from Jim Hayes, Brian Jones and Clive Edwards has, on this occasion, prevented your correspondent from compiling an in depth report.

Leading the field at the end of an eventful day was David Williams, kitted out by neighbours and close friends in readiness for his trip later this month across the big pond.

A good back nine by David to finish with a



Keith James and Lyn Thomas looking for a calculator!

nett 78 was good enough to secure the Shrieval trophy, presented by the day's generous sponsor, Mr Islwyn Rees. Runner-up, also with a nett 78, was Aubrey Bowen, followed by Mark Rees, also with a nett 78 and Reg Davies who finished with a nett 79.

The guest section was won by Ryan Davies with a nett 85, followed by Peter Chatterton who finished with a nett 86.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Bryan Owen, Clive Edwards, Tony McCarthy and Reg Davies, while big hitting Godfrey Lewis collected the 'James Hog Roast' sponsored longest drive

prize. A lower than average number of lost balls (27) correctly guessed by treasurer Reg Davies, was good enough to win the 'Premier Turf' sponsored bottle of whisky, resulting in £85 being raised for the captain's nominated charity, Operation Christmas Child.

The society's next meeting is the annual trip across the Severn Bridge, scheduled for Friday, June 24 when members will be competing for the 'PJC International Classic' kindly sponsored by local estate agent Mr John Caines.

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Ski race is huge success at Rhoose

RHOOSE Lifeguard Club, supported by the Surf Lifesaving Association of Wales, hosted their annual Surf Ski Race recently.

The ski race, being race one of three, forms part of the British Ocean Ski Series, sponsored by Icon Surfcraft.

Despite very testing conditions due to winds gusting up to 33 mph, which meant the course had to be altered and shorter than previous years, 63 paddlers competed from around Great Britain.

Results: Under-16 Boys - 4km: Gold - Ryan Lark - Woolacombe; Silver - Robert Fielder - Portreath; Bronze - Matt Trehella - Portreath; Fourth - Kieran Knowles - Rhoose; Fifth - Will Parker - Rhoose.

Under-16 Girls - 4km: Gold - Emma Braggins - Rhoose; Silver - Anthea Young - Rhoose; Bronze - Charlotte Hewitt - Portreath; Fourth - Lauren Blake - Rhoose; Fifth - Kirsten Watts - Penybont; Sixth - Kathryn Gardner - Rhoose; Seventh - Tayla Edgerton - Rhoose; Eighth - Brittany Smalton - Hayle; Ninth - Caitlin Young - Rhoose; 10th - Laura Braggins - Rhoose; 11th - Sara Phillips - Rhoose.

Under-19 Boys - 8km: Gold - Tom Bolt - Portreath; Silver - Matt Hewitt - Portreath; Bronze - Tom Parker - Rhoose.

Under-19 Girls - 8km: Gold - Emily Corlin - Hayle; Silver - Teg Young - Rhoose; Bronze - Eloise Neighbour - Rhoose.

Senior Men - 12km: Gold - Ben Brown - Elmbridge; Silver - Ed

Evans - Poppit Sands; Bronze - Ivan Lawler - Elmbridge; Fourth - Simon Dark; Fifth - Jack Stadden - Royal; Sixth - Dan Latham - Hayle; Seventh - Graham Regan - Royal; Eighth - Steve Hardman - Shoreham; Ninth - George Haynes - Portreath; 10th - Simon Garbett - Portreath; 11th - Jordan Roberts - Hayle; 12th - Robin Kaye - Shoreham; 13th - Brandon Reese; 14th - James Grandfield - Rhoose; 15th - Nick Hibbard - Shoreham.

Senior ladies - 12km: Gold - Chloe Bunnett; Silver - Sian Gill.

Masters (35+) women - 8km: Gold - Karen O'Donoghue-Harris - Rhoose.

Masters (40+) men - 8km: Gold - Richard Lewis; Silver - Dave Kingman; Bronze - Colin Smith - Woolacombe; Fourth - Andy Parritt - Whitesand Bay; Fifth - Stuart Sherman - Southerndown; Sixth - Rob Knott; Seventh - Chris McSweeney - Worcester; Eighth - Richard Lark - Woolacombe; Ninth - Simon Parker - Rhoose; 10th - Gareth Harris - Sker; 11th - Hew Llewellyn; 12th - Chris Hewitt - Portreath; 13th - Mike Childs - Sker.

Doubles - 8km: Gold - Paul Gardner/Chris Braggins - Rhoose.

Aggregate trophy: First - Rhoose - 50pts; Second - Portreath - 30pts; Third - Woolacombe - 16pts; Fourth - Hayle - 6pts; Fifth - Southerndown - 6pts; Sixth - Whitesands - 5pts; Seventh - Penybont - 2pts.

Special thanks to the IRB crews and the support from the SLSA Wales Powercraft section - without the presence of the boats the race would not have gone ahead.

Also, many thanks to the competitors, organisers, and helpers who provided the BBQ, drinks, cakes and the raffle.

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PENDOYLAN COME OUT ON TOP IN NETBALL LEAGUE

EVERY Wednesday after school, Pendoylan pupils have been going to Cowbridge Leisure Centre to play netball against school teams from all over the Vale.

At the end of the season when all the teams had played, we had a presentation afternoon in our school. All the teams attended and each team received certificates.

Llansannor, St Fagans, All Saints, Peterston, St Brides, St Davids and

Pendoylan took part in the league.

Pendoylan were the winners. We were really glad to have been unbeaten throughout the tournament and St Davids (Colwynston) were runners up.

We were presented with a trophy, and after the presentation, we had refreshments and we then played on the field.

Thank you to all the schools that took part, everyone enjoyed participating.

Kaya and Brooke (Pendoylan netball team)

Sully Centurions' topsy turvy cricket season continues

SULLY CENTURIONS First XI were beaten at Cardiff, on a day when the second, third and fourth XI matches were rained off.

However, the weekend ended on a much more positive note with an 8 wicket Welsh Cup victory on Sunday.

Centurions' up and down season continued at Cardiff, where the current league leaders proved too strong for a Sully side missing some regular faces, due to unavailability and injury.

Batting first in a game reduced to 39 overs each due to the wet conditions, Centurions began losing wickets with regularity.

Jamie Sylvester, Chris Thorne and Julian Griffiths all went cheaply, but opener Ryan Sylvester kept Centurions' hopes alive with a fine innings.

However, when he was out for a deserved century, there were only 160 runs on the board for the loss of 6 wickets.

Gareth Sullivan, who was run out for 27, and David Eskins (19) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures as Centurions finished the allotted overs on 190 for 9.

The hosts' innings started badly when Buttidge and Kirtley found themselves back in the pavilion with only 18 runs on the board, with David Eskins and Ryan Sylvester taking the wickets.

But a magnificent third wicket stand of 171 between Thomas and Norman completely took the game away from Sully.

Lloyd Bruce finally bowled Thomas for 101, but this just brought in ex-Glamorgan man Matthew Maynard to hit the winning runs in the 32nd over.

Cardiff 191/3; Sully 190 for 9.

Centurions hosted Malpas in the second round of the Welsh Cup and ran out convincing winners by 8 wickets on a cold and blustery Sunday

afternoon at Burnham Avenue.

The visitors won the toss and opted to bat but were soon in trouble when Lloyd Smith had Collins caught behind by Gareth Davies for 5.

Lloyd next had Poyner trapped lbw for a duck, with the score on 31.

Martin and Griffiths added another 23 before two wickets were lost in quick succession, courtesy of Julian Griffiths and Jamie Sylvester.

A spirited fightback gave Malpas some hope, with opener Martin and number 8 batsman Morgan putting on 60 before Martin fell to a Jamie Sylvester catch off the bowling of Lloyd Smith for an excellent 91.

Morgan remained unbeaten at the end for a well deserved 50 as the innings closed on 195 for 7.

After tea, Jamie Sylvester and Chris Thorne wasted little time in chasing the target, with both batsmen hitting the boundary on several occasions.

The pair put on 156 for the first wicket - that of Chris Thorne, who was caught off the bowling of Poyner in the 22nd over.

He hit 12 fours and a six in his innings, was out two overs later, in his 74 and again off the bowling of Poyner, with the score on 169.

Lloyd Smith joined in the fun with a quickfire 25 not out, which included three sixes - and not to be left out, with the scores level, Gareth Sullivan hit Poyner for a big six to see Centurions home with 20 overs still remaining.

Centurions will face Usk in the next round.

Sully 201/2; Malpas 195/7. The club's first monthly 100 club draw was made on Saturday night with the winning numbers being 34, 33 and 31. The next draw will take place at the end of June.

MF

Under-8s lose out in semi-finals

COWBRIDGE fielded two teams in the under-8 age group competition in Kidwelly.

The Cowbridge Indians squad drawn in pool B consisted of: Sam Coates, Catrin Evans, Ben Farrell, Owen Goddall, Elis Greenwood, Harry Holtam, Ellis Howell, McKinley Parsons, Iwan Thomas and Dewi Williams.

Facing the Indians in the pool competition were stiff opposition in the form of four west Walian teams - Whitland, St Clears, Crymch and Kidwelly Blacks.

Cowbridge Indians 1, Whitland 4: A slow start to the competition by the Indians saw Whitland score two early tries before a response from Cowbridge by Dewi Williams. The short single period games made recovering a deficit difficult, and the Indians eventually went down by four tries to one.

Cowbridge Indians 1, St Clears 6: This was a better performance by the Indians team

than the scoreline suggests. The Indians' defence, however, was no match for a rampant St Clears' attack with some excellent fast and decisive runners. Elis Greenwood crossed for the Indians' only try of the game.

Cowbridge Indians 3, Crymch 5: With individual performances and team effort still improving the Indians put up a good show against the group winners, Crymch matching them try for try up to 3-3, with another two tries from Elis G supplemented by one from Harry Holtam.

With the score line at 4-3 in Crymch's favour, Cowbridge nearly crossed the line for the equaliser but the tackle count came up and Crymch ran in a long distance affair to score the winner.

Cowbridge Indians 3, Kidwelly Blacks 3: The stage was set for a Pool B showdown in the final game of this section of the competition, with both teams waiting for their elusive first win of the day. With the weather clos-

ing in after what had been a beautiful sunny day, both teams matched each other try for try throughout the game.

Dewi Williams got the all important first try followed by two excellently worked tries from Owen Goddall.

The Indians scraped through into the plate competition, having scored the first try in the game against Kidwelly.

Under-8 Plate semi final: Cowbridge Indians 1, Fishguard Seagulls 4: The heavens opened for the semi-finals, which were played in torrential rain, hail, thunder and lightning. Both Cowbridge and Fishguard struggled in the conditions, not to mention the supporters and reporters on the sideline. Iwan Thomas Bartle crossed for the final Cowbridge try of the competition but despite some committed defence, the Indians could not stop the Seagulls from progressing to the final.

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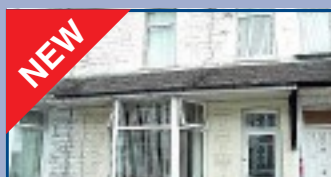
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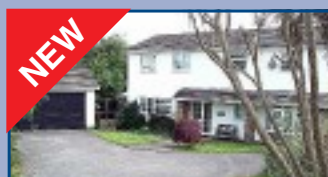
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THE BRYNHILL LADIES' CHARITY GOLF AND COFFEE EVENT IS A HUGE HIT!



On the first tee, starter Llinos Lee and members and guests.



Away winner: Ann Baxter (St Athan).



Guest runner-up: Glenys Vaughan (St Athan).



Home winner: Lady captain Robbie Lee presented by vice captain Jo Kirkpatrick.



Manning the cake stall the Harkin family – mother and daughter.



Home runner-up: Linda Hewlett, presented by lady captain.

BRYNHILL ladies recently held their annual charity golf and coffee morning.

This year's charity chosen by lady captain, Robbie Lee, is Cancer Care and Research Wales.

In the clubhouse, ladies were encouraged to part with their money on the raffle, bottle stall and the amazingly well-stocked cake stall run by Becky Harkin.

The Breast Cancer care stall, selling ball markers, lapel badges, key rings and other small items, also proved to be popular.

The golf was played over 10 holes and the club was delighted to welcome Llinos Lee, BBC Sports Wales presenter, as the starter.

While the ladies enjoyed refreshments after their game, the following presentations were made.

Guest winner – Ann Baxter (St Athan) 21 points; runner-up – Glenys Vaughan (St Athan) 19.

Home winner – Robbie Lee 23; runner-up – Linda Hewlett 20.

Other results: May 3, John Lwondon Cup, Golf Foundation brooch and GUV medal – winner – Julie Harkin 71 nett; runner-up – Linda Hewlett 73 nett.

May 10, Winifred Clode Cup and Cancer Relief – winner – Jane Phillips 38 points over back nine from Gemma Evans.

Miller family are tops at recycling

The Miller family, who recently moved to Jackson Quay in Barry, have proved to be top recyclers.

Mum Sharon, dad Colin, and their seven children all pitch in to recycle kitchen waste, paper, cans, glass, cardboard and plastic. Their garden now includes a highly organised kerbside box and food waste caddy system with all the children getting into the daily routine of sorting recycling.

"I think everyone should give recycling a go as there are lots of



benefits. It stops seagulls rummaging through black bags, eliminates smells and, of course, there's the feel-good factor that our family gains from doing our bit for the environment," said Sharon Miller.

Cabinet Member for visible and building services at the Vale Council, Coun Geoff Cox, discusses recycling with some of the Miller family: Courtney, Brittany, Sharon and Brooklyn.

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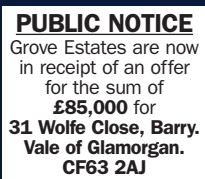
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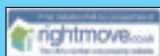


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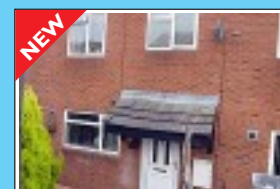
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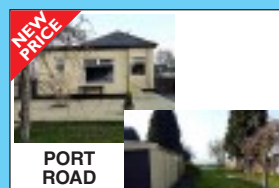
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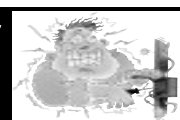
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Travelling to Ely Valley, current champions Dinas knew that they would have to be at their best to come away with the required points to progress to the knockout stage.

A loss would give Ely Valley a chance to progress if they defeated Sully in next week's final league stage game. As expected, the game was a tense affair in the early stages, with Dinas up on only one rink.

There were not many shots in the game throughout with Dinas trailing one shot at 10 ends, and three up at 18 ends.

With three rinks completed and two ends to go on Gary Williams' rink, Dinas were two shots down. Gary's rink scored 1 on the penultimate end, needing to win the final end to secure the win or draw required.

An exciting end with virtually every shot changing the score, saw the Dinas four win by one securing the draw

overall and enabling Dinas to progress to the knockout stage.

Dinas skip scores: D Vowles, A Wedlake, C Todd, G Williams 21-24;

G White, M Clarke, M Woodcock, A Meddins 24-13;

A Harvey, A Desrosiers, G Griffiths, N Leigh 21-23;

D Parker, R Osborne, R Jones, M Ackland 12-18.

Back home, a depleted Dinas Powys second side gained an emphatic win in a PG2 Division 1 encounter against Llanbadrach.

They were down at five ends by 20 shots to 26 but quickly gained the upper hand, and by 10 ends were 13 shots to the good.

They continued their good form throughout and ended up with a creditable win by 99 shots to 68.

Dinas skip scores: M Diment, T Hurcom, G Welch, A Jones 23-11;

C Reynolds, B Griffiths, G Parr, A Woodcock 24-16;

L Peters, P Williams, M Seaford, C Scott 32-20;

D James, G Leach, A Locker, N Giles 20-21.

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Barry Athletic's early form continues

BARRY Athletic's A team maintained their promising early season form with a 76 shots to 61 win against Cardiff Athletic at Barry Island on Saturday.

It was the Athletic's second successive win in their WBA Private Greens Division 2 programme and brought them another 12 points. Ivor Stevenson confidently skipped the top rink to an impressive 24-11 victory that was achieved by an all-round rink display featuring Albert Mintern at no.3 and front bowlers Clive Phillips and Barrie Turner playing their part in the big win.

Gareth Humphreys was back to winning form with a 21-10 triumph in a rink that included Alan Thomas at lead, club chairman Alf Pidduck and Dave Newman at no.3.

Colin Spillane's rink was involved in a close affair throughout a blustery afternoon but some exceptional bowling by

skip Colin clinched a 17-14 score with Don Evans, captain Paul Clarke and John Ball giving ample support.

However, there was no joy for regular PG2 skip Billy Wright on this occasion as his lineup of Eric Booker, Derek Coombs and Bill Summrell went down 14-26.

On Saturday, the first team open their PG1 campaign with a home fixture against Whitchurch and the second squad face a tough test at Merthyr West End.

Scores: D Evans, P Clarke, J Ball, C Spillane 17-14;

A Thomas, A Pidduck, D Newman, G Humphreys 21-10;

C Phillips, B Turner, A Mintern, I Stevenson 24-11;

E Booker, D Coombs, B Summrell, B Wright 14-26.

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INTERNATIONAL HONOURS FOR FIVE VALE ATHLETES IN THE WINTER PROGRAMME

FIVE Vale athletes will be hoping that they can build on their impressive winter performances to gain further international honours.

Heading the quartet, and surely a candidate for high honours in any Vale Sportsman of the Year award, is Curtis Mathews.

The former Barry Comprehensive pupil, now studying for his degree at UWIC in Cardiff, is working hard to improve in all of the 10 events in his chosen competition – the decathlon.

The Barry & Vale Harrier had an early start to his indoor season, competing in the standard senior men's indoor combined events competition – the heptathlon, seven events – at the England Athletics Indoor Combined Events Championships, held at Sheffield on January 8-9.

The tone was set on day one for what may be a very interesting year. The series of 60 metres (7.40), long jump (6.66 metres), shot (13.43 metres) and pole vault (3.80 metres) was followed by a second day of 60 metres hurdles (8.68), high jump (1.86 metres) and 1,000 metres (2:50.77) to give a seven event total of 4,912 points – good enough for third place.

It also earned the UWIC student a first call-up for the Great Britain & Northern Ireland team to compete in a Combined Events International against France at the same Sheffield venue.

That first GB international proved to be the stage for pleasing improvements in the 60 metres (7.29), long jump (6.96 metres) and the shot (13.72 metres). With results in the high jump (1.86 metres), pole vault (3.80 metres) and 1,000 metres (2:50.58) similar to January, and the only small blip being the 60 metres hurdles (8.76), an improved score of 5,097 points, nearly 200 points better than January, was a result good enough for fourth place and third scorer for the winning GB team.

The Barry & Vale Harrier has already been in action in the outdoor season, including a first decathlon as a guest at Millfield on May 7-8, when he posted a score of 6,898 points to head the field. That will give him great encouragement as he targets a first outdoor GB under-20 international appearance.

Two 'younger' pupils still at Barry Comprehensive and also members of Barry & Vale Harriers have also made their international debut. Year-11 Matthew Edwards has had an excellent winter over the country, and his reward has been two international

selections – for Welsh Athletics and Welsh Schools, at under-17 level.

Following the McCain Cardiff Cross-Country Challenge at Blackweir on Sunday, January 16, he was selected to represent Welsh Athletics at the Celtic International at Antrim. At that event, he finished credibly and headed the winning Welsh team.

On March 16, he just missed out on an individual medal in the middle (years 10 and 11) boys section at the Aviva Welsh Schools Golden Celebration National cross-country championships, finishing fourth, but was a scoring member of the Cardiff & the Vale Schools squad, which easily claimed the team title.

That fourth place was enough to earn Matthew selection for the Welsh schools team, which competed at the Aviva SIAB schools international at Antrim on Saturday, April 26, against the top young athletes from English schools, All-Ireland schools and Scottish schools. After a marathon journey to Antrim on the Friday, he finished 27th, fifth scorer for the Welsh team, which finished fourth.

Following those two appearances, the Beatty Close resident had hoped for a third selection – to compete for the Welsh Schools under-17 team at the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon – but, having been included in the non travelling reserves rather than competing squad of six, he was disappointed that there was no late call-up when Mike Ward (Llanishen) broke his collar-bone on the Wednesday before the marathon.

In the summer, he will be hoping for further honours at 1,500 metres, or possibly 1,500 metres steeplechase.

The second Barry Comprehensive pupil to gain international selection was multi-talented Matthew Collins.

The year-10 pupil should have made his debut for Welsh Schools in the under-16 age group (years 9 and 10) at the SIAB Indoor Combined Events international at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow in early December, but the weather caused that event to be postponed until early February.

As a result, his first international appearance was for the Welsh Schools Dragons team at the Celtic Schools under-16 Indoor International at the National Indoor Athletics Centre at Cyncoed on January 30.

On that debut, he finished third in the match 800 metres in 2:08.44, and was disappointed not to be included in the 4 x 200 metres relay squad.

On the following weekend, the SIAB Indoor Combined Events International was held in

Glasgow – and Matthew gained both his full Welsh Schools vest and a gold medal. In a competition where, unusually, Scottish schools were found to have fielded over age competitors, Matthew chalked up performances of 10.05 seconds (60m Hurdles), 5.61 metres (long jump), 24.43 seconds (200 metres), 10.04 metres (shot) and 2:11.52 (800 metres) with his five event total of 2,756 points earning eighth place.

With Welsh schools providing the individual winner – Aled Price (3,080 points) – and team-mate Luke Ward finishing sixth (2,826 points), the three-athlete total of 8,662 points was just good enough to hold off the challenge from All-Ireland (8,625) and English schools (8,605) to gain the team gold medals.

Having started the 2010 outdoor season with encouraging performances over 800 metres, Matthew has hit a temporary plateau during the indoor season, but he has made the most of his opportunities over 200 metres and his opening outing over 400 metres at the recent South Wales Regional championships at Leckwith, where he won with a sub 52 seconds time, suggest that there is real potential for international selection at that distance later this summer.

A second year-10, Stanwell pupil Tom Williams, also gained international selection at the Celtic Schools under-16 international. The talented sprinter/long jumper, who had double under-15 victory at the 2010 Welsh Schools championships, was included in the 60 metres, 200 metres and the 4 x 200 metres relay squad.

A 60 metres victory in 7.36 seconds set him up nicely for an excellent afternoon which included the fastest 200 metres performance (23.67 seconds) and a storming last leg in the relay to bring the team home first, and help Welsh Schools win the match.

Tom will need to show great patience this summer as he comes up against the bigger, more powerful year-11 sprinters and jumpers, but he has the potential to go on to make his mark.

Seren Allin was the final member of the 'Vale 5' to gain international selection. The year-7 pupil had an outstanding first winter on the schools' circuit, claiming a league points and championships double in Cardiff & the Vale Schools competitions, taking a schools' individual medal in the year-7 race at the McCain Cross Challenge in January, winning the year-7 race at the Welsh Schools National championships in March and representing south Wales region in

the under-13 race at the McCain Counties Athletic Union championships at Birmingham.

As a result, the Cowbridge pupil was one of only two year-7 pupils included in the Welsh Schools under-13 (years 7 and 8) which competed at the Virgin Money Giving Marathon Mini Marathon in April. She ended the long winter season in style, finishing 24th and third Welsh scorer out of 65 finishers.

Hopefully, this summer will be relatively low key for Seren with the Welsh Athletics under-13 championships and schools and club fixtures – she belongs to Bridgend Athletics Club – as the main targets.

PETER MORRIS

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

Cricketing encounter with XL team plenty of fun for players

FOOTBALL
THE Urd National Sevens for football were held at Dolau playing fields in Aberystwyth. After a very early start, the boys looked forward to their day of football playing against teams from all over Wales.

Under-15s (year-10): v Dyffryn Teifi (Cardigan) won 3-0, goals by Todd Wilcox, Rhys Cogan, Scott Laken; v Tregaron drew 0-0; v Bryn Tawe (Swansea) drew 0-0.

The boys finished second in their group and played Amman Valley in the quarter finals, losing eventually 2-1; goal by Scott Laken.

Under-13s (year-8): v Dyffryn Amman drew 0-0; v Penweddig (Aberystwyth) lost 1-0; v Glyn Y Mor (Swansea) drew 0-0; v Llanharri lost 2-3.

The main problem of the year-8 team was scoring goals.

Several chances went begging during the day with many players missing opportunities.

CRICKET
THE annual fixture versus the XL Club was held at the Cowbridge Cricket Club recently.

The weather was kind and stayed dry all day for the school 1st XI to play their only fixture of the season.

This fixture has been on the school calendar since the days of the Grammar School and Cowbridge Comprehensive School is still the only school that plays against the XL Club, where the other parts of Wales play as regional representative school matches.

The XL club is made up of senior players from right across South Wales who take the game to the schools.

Traditionally, Cowbridge

Comprehensive School has done well with past players Ben Wright, Alex Jones, Tom Merilaht, Mike Lloyd, Nick Davies and Adam George Weaver, to mention a few, doing really well in the match.

This year that tradition was upheld with captain Adam Wood winning the toss, deciding to bat first with his younger brother Sam Wood.

Finding the pace bowling of the XL team to their liking, Adam and Sam set off at a steady pace scoring five an over off the first 10 overs.

Adam reached his 50 first with Sam soon to follow off the bowling of Hugh Williams.

Sam overtook his brother and scored his maiden century and retired on 103 not out.

The opening partnership of 183 will be a target for other schools in Britain to beat as the many games are played over the summer.

The school declared early for tea at 237 for 4 with Adam (74) and Alex Kurobasa (30 not out) (Steve Matthews (3 for 30), Glan Williams (1 for 25)).

In this declaration game of cricket, the team fielding second has to bowl the opposition out to win the game, and Adam Wood and his team had given themselves roughly 45 overs to do this.

Openers Steve Matthews (Penttyrch) and Wil Lloyd (Swansea) set off to chase the total, but unfortunately Lloyd received a superb ball off Jack Davies (year-11) and was clear bowled.

John Brazier soon followed caught and bowled by Wil Antoni. John James (Pontardawe), partnering Matthews, started to build the innings before being bowled by A Kurobasa



The School First XI.



The XL Club Team

for 29.

Paul Kenally gave good support before being caught by Adam Wood off the bowling of Tom Francis who took 3 for 13.

With 8 overs left of play, the XL Club decided to play for a draw with Phil Haines (Radyr) and Glan Williams (Barry Athletic) surviving the overs to be not out at the end on 199 for 6.

An excellent game of cricket played in the right spirit, the XL Club thank the boys for their efforts, the Cowbridge Cricket Club for the use of the grounds, the ladies in the school canteen for providing refreshments and Glan Williams for organizing the match and

umpires Dave Fiddler and John Spadz.

The under-15s played Pontardulais Comprehensive School in the first round of the Lord Taverners Schools national competition.

This game was played at the Pontardulais Cricket Club with captain Sam Wood winning the toss and asking the home team to bat first.

Todd Wilcox removed both Welsh under-15 international cricketers with his special slower ball.

Wickets fell at regular intervals with the home team being all out for 92 in 30 overs.

In reply, Todd Wilcox and Sam Wood put on 50 for the first wicket when

Wood was out, caught sweeping.

Todd soon followed for a good 32 but for the rest of the batsmen, the least said the better, as the school team were bowled out for 88.

A very disappointing end to the game, one the school team should have won comfortably; Pontardulais Comprehensive 92 all out.

Todd Wilcox 2 for 17; Rafi Shirzad 1 for 18; Oliver Pike 2 for 12; Jonathan Harvey 2 for 10; Rhys Logan 2 for 10; Cowbridge Comprehensive 88 all out; Todd Wilcox (32), Sam Wood (12).



England, Wales and Ireland in the under-16 (years 9 and 10) age group at the SIAB Indoor Combined Events at Glasgow in February.

Disappointment for the bowlers as they exit cup

CADOXTON V SULLY – MUNRO CUP
FOUR first season bowlers were included in the Cadoxton team in this home Munro Cup fixture, against Sully.

It resulted in a win for the visitors with three successful rinks, and one comfortable win for the home side, skipped by Graham Brown against David Curtis.

Kelvin Chedgoy failed narrowly with his rink against John Best, while John Stewart had a struggle to stay in contact with Peter Rogers in the early stages, but made a spirited comeback, to just one shot behind with two ends left.

A '6' on the penultimate end stopped the complete recovery.

Ivor Robertson met Carl Best and their rinks had a close game with the scores level on 4, 5, 6, and 8; however, the

final six ends went in favour of the visitors.

T Bishop, D Evans, H Craven, G Brown

17; A Kelly, A Rees, H Jones, D Curtis 8.

G Solomon, M Matthews, L Davies, K Chedgoy 15;

A David, C Michael, D Edwards, J Best 17.

J Maidment, K Tanner, R Cole, J Stewart

16; E Pryer, A Marsh, S Dibble, P Rogers 23.

S Clarke, G Davies, J Sugden, I Robertson

8; B Curtis, G John, D Hoitchkiss, C Best 15.

Score: 56 – 63.

CADOXTON V PENCOED – CARRUTHERS

ONLY one winning rink was achieved by Cadoxton at Pencoed on a very difficult green, with the lines very peculiar.

Howard Craven was the winning skip and after 8 ends held a 9-2 lead.

The advantage was held throughout the game, although a '5'

against on the final end reduced the lead to just a single shot.

Don Kuhnell found it difficult on his rink to get on the scoreboard, and trailed 8-0 after five ends.

When a single was scored on the next the mat was shortened and they got back into the game, with seven winning ends from the following nine.

By the 18th end the deficit was 2, but a '4' against on the next opened a six-shot gap.

This was reduced to just one over the final two ends.

On Kelvin Chedgoy's rink, despite winning 12 of the 20 ends played, going into the final end, they were one shot behind. A '6' was conceded on the last.

Six singles were scored in the first 12 ends by the rink skipped by Graham Brown, while the opposition scored 10 shots.

During the next five ends another single was scored with 12 against which opened a greater deficit. This was cut by seven over the next three ends before a '2' against finalised the game.

P Ellis, M Matthews, J Crout, G Brown 14;

R Armstrong, W Preddy,

P Ellis, D Hopkins 24.

L Tanner, G Davies, A Carpenter, H Craven 17;

T Perez, C Roberts, W Peyton, M Eskins 16.

T Bishop, B Knight, L Davies, D Kuhnell

18; R Izatt, R Walker, K Pearson, T Pearson 19.

G Solomon, W Vaughan, L Cundliffe, K Chedgoy 16; B Ford, S Davies, D Hooper, J Fear 23.

Score: 65 – 82.

CADOXTON V PENARTH – SVL

THE final SVL game for Cadoxton A took place at home against Penarth; with the weather threatening it was decided to play just 18 ends.

The result was two rinks each, with Penarth having the slightly better aggregate.

John Stewart's rink trailed until the 12th end when the scores were levelled at 10-10.

The final six ends went in the home sides favour, 10 shots to 5.

Roy Harding's rink failed to score during the first four ends, conceding eight shots.

There was an improvement but they still faced a five-shot deficit going into the final end, which they overcame with a '6' for a one shot success.

The rink skipped by Derek Brook lost a 4-1

CADOXTON BOWLS ROUND-UP

Leyshon disqualified by racing authority

A DISCIPLINARY panel of the British Horseracing Authority has declared Mr Andrew Leyshon, of Pyle, a disqualified person for nine months.

Mr Leyshon was found to be in breach of regulations in respect of his allowing/declaring two horses – *Check Up* and *Dancing Lyra* – to run at unrecognised 'flapping' meetings in Ireland and Scotland in 2009 under the assumed names of *Patsy's Boy*, *The Stig* and *The Paparazzi*.

Check Up, ridden by Bridgend's William Oakes, won the men's open race at the Curre & Llangibby Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Howick near Chepstow last year in fine style, coming home six lengths clear of Viv Hughes' *Sheikman* who, like *Check Up*, was qualified with the Llangeinor Hunt.

The Panel accepted an admission from Mr Leyshon and disqualified him for nine months from May 27, 2011 until

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

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Check Up and *Dancing Lyra* can no longer run under rules or between-the-flags and Mr Leyshon is not allowed to go racing under rules or attend point-to-point meetings. Nor can he visit any licensed training centres as The Jockey Club, or Horse Racing Authority as it is today, have always considered 'flapping meetings' as illegal and outside of their control, and anyone taking part in them have been automatically banned.

Trooper Clarence
EVAN Williams' seven-year-old bay gelding Trooper Clarence landed a hat-trick at Newton Abbot when scoring by eight lengths from Won More Night.

A winner previously at Bangor-on-Dee and Stratford, *Trooper Clarence* was ridden by stable jockey Paul

Moloney.

Lady Myfanwy
PAUL Miles's prolific mare Lady Myfanwy, which is qualified with the Ystrad & Taf Fechan Hunt, won the opener at Stratford last Friday.

Ridden by Claire Hart, *Lady Myfanwy*, who is trained by Paul's wife Myfanwy, out-jumped her eight rivals to win by eight lengths from *ShoudHaveHadThat*.

Season ends
THE 2010/11 Welsh point-to-point season comes to an end with the Pembrokeshire Hunt Steeplechases at Trecoed next Saturday.

A number of horses from the Vale will be making the long journey and an exciting wind-up to the season is promised.

Cowbridge under-15 cricketers make good start

COWBRIDGE under-15s cricket team has won the opening four games to the new season.

Well led by their captain Sam Wood, the team has won the first three league games in the Cardiff and Vale league as well as the first round of the zonal Welsh Clubs Knock Out Cup.

First up in the league was an away match against the Lisvane Griffins on their new club ground in St Mellons.

Having found the location with some difficulty, the team battled well to reach 138 for 7 in their allocated 20 overs.

Senior players Sam Wood (15) and Chris Brace (20 runs) contributed well, but an undefeated eighth wicket partnership of 46 runs by Sean Rowland (35) and Alex Arnot (13) gave Sam the luxury of using eight of his bowlers in the visitors' reply.

Deputants Rafi Shrizard and Sadr Zaman bowled well in their first-ever game of cricket, but the left arm spin of Harri Collier (2 for 16) ensured victory by 20 runs.

The second league game was at home against the much vaunted St Fagan's team.

The opposition offered Cowbridge to bat first and the senior players of Wood (22), Chris Brace (ret 35) and Harri Collier (not out 31) amassed 117 for 3.

The opening pair for St Fagan's of Lennon and Moore, both having to retire having reached 35, placed the visitors in

a strong position but good tight bowling especially by Sean Rowland (1 for 16) kept the scoring rate down and an eventual win by 9 runs.

In the third league match, away to Dinas Powys Eagles, the same trio of batsmen from the previous match scored most of the runs – Sam (37 ret), Harri (38 ret) and Chris (13).

The opening bowling partnership of Rafi Shrizard (4 for 12 in 3 overs) and George Gibson (1 for 6 in 3) enabled the captain to give bowling time to the younger players.

The delayed match of the Welsh cup was the next on the agenda at home to Penarth.

Again, Sam lost the toss but made amends by scoring a retired 52 not out at the start of the innings.

It was the turn of young Dan Evans, making his first start to the season, with 22 runs and Jack Faulkner (18 runs) that gave the home team a respectable total of 119 for 3.

Against the young opponents, Sam gave opportunity for nine bowlers to be used.

Some were found wanting, and Penarth were always up with the run rate and it was left to Rafi, Sadr and Harri to bring victory by 8 runs.

In the next round the team will play a home match against the winners of Dinas Powys or Sully.

Well done boys for an excellent start to the season.

Rollerdance club's first event success!

PICTURED RIGHT:
Lesley Fletcher, Tara Ivins and Katie Vaughan.

THE newly-formed Roller Figure and Dance Skating Club, Clwb Cymru from from the Vale, took five competitors to their first competition at Newbury on Sunday, May 22.

Altogether in 21 events, there were a total of 178 competitors.

Starting at 8am, Katie Vaughan took to the floor in the first event to gain fifth place.

It was a supreme effort by Katie at her first competition.

In another event, Tara Ivins did herself proud by finishing fourth and Amy Goodwin eighth.

In a more difficult event dancing the blues,



Kilian Tara did extremely well coming sixth. In the team event, Lesley, Amy and Tara were placed seventh.

Altogether, it was an extremely good day and their trainer, Sheila Davies, was very proud, but there is lots of hard work to follow.

The club skate at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre on Saturday afternoons, and Tuesday evenings in Barry at the Colcot.

Finding venues has been very difficult, as a good sized hall with a good surface is a must.

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ABOVE: Amy Goodwin and Katie Vaughan.

Windsor ladies pull off a stunning win



Mixed doubles winners: Emma Thomas and Morgan Williams (right), with runners-up Jill Halpin and John Adamson, presented by Windsor president, Chris Smith.

WINDSOR ladies first team pulled off a stunning victory against visiting team Rhiwbina, beating them in extremely difficult weather conditions.

The match was played with winds gusting across the courts, making it nearly impossible to serve accurately, or play correctly.

However, the team consisting of Bethan Pilcher, Lowri Hughes, Cathy O'Doherty, Sarah Parkhouse, Leanne Mackey, and Beth Hughes knuckled down to the task and beat the visitors 4-2.

Team captain Beth Hughes, paired with Leanne Mackey, won both their rounds.

The men's fourth team also played a home match on the same day, in the same blustery conditions.

They welcomed Stow Park of Newport's second team, which included a strong first pair, but lacked strength in depth.

With the score standing at 3-2 and the draw assured, Windsor first pairing of Nigel Gabriel and Matt Holmes fought off a late rally from their opponents to clinch the match 4-2.

Mark Davies and Phil Davies had won both their rubbers, while the partnership of John Ray and Anthony Phillips lost to the Stow first pair, after comfortably defeating their first round opponents.

As the fourth team settles into its new division following promotion last year, the team has now won one, lost one and drawn one.

The ladies second team meanwhile

couldn't emulate the first team's success against Rhiwbina, but put up a creditable performance, going down 4-2 away against the strong Cardiff side.

Despite being short of players before the encounter, captain Kay Clarke brought together a mixture of youth and experience which gave the home side a run for their money.

Clarke and Megan Boot lost a tough match against the Rhiwbina first pair, but then Bev House and Edwina Gill gelled as a pair and beat the Rhiwbina third outfit in a third set tie break.

Things then got even better when Linda Ellis and Emma Thomas turned on their brand of scintillating tennis to beat the first pairing.

Meanwhile, this week saw the culmination of the club's internal annual handicap tournament, played in spring sunshine.

The handicap system provides an opportunity for less well-established players to compete effectively against stronger opposition, and is a highly popular part of the club's tennis scene. The results were:

Ladies singles – winner, Beth Hughes, runner-up, Teca Phillips; Mens singles – winner, John Cox, runner-up John Adamson; Ladies doubles – winners, Anne Davies and Edwina Gill, runners-up, Jill Halpin and Beth Hughes; Mens doubles – winners, Simon Parkhouse and Tom Bellingham, runners-up, John Adamson and Anthony Phillips; Mixed doubles – winners, Emma Thomas and Morgan Williams, runners-up, Jill Halpin and John Adamson.

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JACK'S PONY SUCCESS!

FOLLOWING some excellent racing at the Countryside Alliance point-to-point at Bonvilston on bank holiday Monday, the crowd enjoyed three pony races.

In the first race for riders 9-15 years and ponies up to 12.2hh (128cm), Jack Tudor (10) of Merthyr Mawr, dressed in his father Jonathan Tudor's well known colours of yellow, green and white, rode a cracking race to win on his 14-year-old pony, *Bugsy*.



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SUCCESS FOR BOWLERS!

Barry Romilly A retain SVLA trophy once again

BARRY ROMILLY (A) took to the green for the last of their five scheduled SVLA games against Llantwit Major knowing that the SVLS trophy had already been won due to the previous fixtures, as Romilly had already secured 52 out of a possible 56 points available.

Rink 2, skipped by Bill Hewitt got off to a balanced start with the scores even until the seventh end when Romilly started to pull away.

With several high scores of two 5's, a 6 and a 7 they were soon in a commanding lead and won the rink 29 shots to 16, winning 15 of the 21 ends.

Rink 3, skipped by Vince McFarland, lost the first two ends with a 2 and a 1 but pulled into

the lead on the third end with a tally of 4 shots.

They retained the lead throughout the rest of the game with steady scoring of 2s and 3s and won the rink with a score of 26 shots to 11, winning 13 of the 21 ends.

Rink 4, skipped by Bryn Gough, got off to a slow start and were 13-1 down after 7 ends.

The rink then rallied together, changing tactics with bringing the mat up and having shorter ends, and with steady scoring got back into contention within

the next 6 ends, taking the lead for the first time with a score line of 15-14.

Disaster then struck on the 16th end for Llantwit Major as Romilly scored a 7, taking the lead for only the second, but decisive, time in the game, a lead they were never going to give away and ran out 30 shots to 16 winners, winning 12 of the ends to Llantwit Major's 9.

Rink 5, skipped by R Wyatt, were never in any trouble leading from the first end to the

last winning 13 of the 21 ends. The Romilly bowlers also scored a maximum 8 shots on the 20th end to put the match well out of contention, ending up with the biggest win of the day with a margin of 33 shots to 14.

The captain, Keith Clements, expressed his congratulations to his squad, who have given him and the club a magnificent start to the season.

Game score: Barry Romilly 14 (118 shots), Llantwit Major 0 (57 shots). VM

Society celebrates anniversary in style

THE Hare and Hounds Golfing Society celebrated its 25th invitation classic event at Cottrell Park's Button Gwinnett course on Friday, May 27.

A total of 28 intrepid golfers took to the course to compete for a glittering array of prizes, including the society's very own green jacket.

Prizes were presented at a celebratory dinner at the Hare and Hounds, Aberthorn. The best team stableford shield was won by David Thurstfield, Lee England and Pat Long - Pat also

winning the ladies nearest the pin and longest drive.

The best stableford ladies was won by Tess Janczewski and Mike Board the best stableford for men.

The coveted green jacket was won by Colum Sullivan, with a best gross score of 81 playing off a handicap of 13.

The society was formed way back in 1987 by David Howell, the first and 25th anniversary captain, Gareth Rees, and the current president, Wyn Howells.

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Crazy Gang enjoy the tour!

THE Crazy Gang, one of St Andrews Major Golf Club's most respected societies, had their annual tour, which this year was held at the Wiltshire Hotel and Spa in Wootton Bassett.

The format included three games of golf at the Wiltshire club and a fourth game back at St Andrews Major on their return on Saturday.

The first day's golf went well, with 35 players participating and despite problems with the playing quality of the greens, Russell Bryan ended up taking the major honours of the day.

The night started off well but just as the first course was being served, the hotel suffered a power cut and were unable to cook the rest of the meal.

Hastily arranged mini buses took the tour members into Wootton Bassett where, after a few drinks, the locals of the Royal public house were treated to the tour's rendition of *Delilah, Green Green Grass of Home* and any other song they could think of with a Welsh connection.

Strong winds and rain did not deter the second day's play with Danny Reid clinching top spot on the day.

Friday was slightly better, not too much rain and the wind had died down enough for Arthur Lambeth to take the third day's title.

After an early breakfast, the tour set off back to Wales for their final match at St Andrews Major. The quality of the home greens was excellent, allowing Clive Jukes to score an end of tour best to land the final day's main trophy.

Overall winners of the tour were: 1st, Arthur Lambeth 135 points; 2nd, Alan Bannister 132; 3rd, Russell Bryan 130.

On the final day of the tour at St Andrews Major, Roger Parsons sank a hole in one on the 15th green. Had it been a week earlier, when the Sponsors Cup was taking place, he would now have been the proud owner of a Nissan Juke!

St Andrews Major hold an annual Sponsors Cup day, where they invite local businesses to enter a four-ball in a friendly stableford competition.

Twenty-three teams took part, and this year's worthy winners were the Tooty Froities, recruited from the club's ladies section.

A full list of winners for the tour and competitions is available on the members website, www.samgolfclub.com.

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School's black belt success

OVER the weekend of May 10, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do held their first black belt grading of the year.

The grading tested

both the candidates and examiners to the full.

Seven students from the Cadoxton school were testing for their first and second degrees. All students were put through their paces by Master Jaap Teeuwissen,

seventh degree and Master Ron Thomas, seventh degree.

The examination consisted of all the traditional aspects of Tae Kwon Do - patterns, set sparring, free sparring, self-defence, weapons and

theory tests, and to complete the exam, a power test consisting of breaking wood with the hands and feet.

After the exam, Master Teeuwissen and Master Thomas complimented the group and their instructors on their improving standard of Tae Kwon Do.

A celebration buffet and disco was held at the West End labour club, where certificates and new black belts were presented to all the successful students.

For further information and training times, telephone Barry 406372 or 07811934079.

RON THOMAS

Paul's karate success

THE Wales versus England British Karate Kyokushinkai (BKK) championships were held recently.

Paul Stephens, from the Rising-Sun Dojo Barry, was selected to represent Wales at the event held at Bishop Stortford, where heavyweight Paul was to face his heavier opponent in the arena.

The match took three rounds of full contact knockdown karate to decide an overall winner, and Paul was declared

that winner.

Overall, Wales took the coveted British event and came back victorious, gaining the majority of wins after dominating.

Brothers and instructors Lee and Spencer Bennett were pleased with Paul, and proud to have another British champion student within the club.

If anybody wishes to train at the Rising-Sun-Karate club, contact Lee Bennett on 07811110368.

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Bad news as the Wanderers go down at Hopkinstown!

FOLLOWING the previous week's resounding win over Llantwit Major, Barry Wanderers' Second XI came back down to earth with a comprehensive drubbing at the hands of Hopkinstown.

Optimism had abounded earlier in the day when the first arrivals, having found themselves aimlessly wandering the streets in a fruitless search for the ground, came across a young woodland scamp who guided them expertly through a dense forest and into a clearing, beyond which lay the homage to the 1970s that is Hopkinstown CC.

Winning the toss on a dry track, Wanderers' skipper Barnes elected to bat and, along with opening partner Coleman, immediately vindicated the decision by strolling to 34/0 off seven overs before the captain mistimed a drive to cover and was caught for 21.

Shortly afterwards, Hopkinstown brought Pugh on at the Abyss End, a decision that ultimately was to decide the game. Loose-limbed and with seemingly elastic wrists, Pugh threw the Wanderers' plans into immediate disarray, producing some prodigious swing to dismiss Ridgwell, Kunal and Davies in quick succession.

After Burgin nicked

Hopkinstown v Barry Wanderers, BAWCC 107 (33 overs); Hopkinstown CC 108/3 (12.1 overs)

one to the keeper at the other end, the Wanderers were suddenly reduced to a cataclysmic 64/5.

Meanwhile, the weather had deteriorated rapidly, constant drizzle making life difficult for bowlers and batsmen alike. Krishna offered temporary respite in the form of some dashing stroke-play, one cover drive reminiscent of the great Ranjitsinhji himself, before he slipped on the wet track and was run out for 16.

When the stoic Coleman eventually fell for 27, the tail offered no more than a tired death-rattle, and the Wanderers were soon all out for 107 from 33 overs.

The downpour continued throughout the tea interval, and conditions had worsened considerably by the time the Wanderers took to the field. Enough sawdust to decorate the floor of an 80s wine bar was deposited at each end as the opening attack of Wade and Ridgwell sought an early breakthrough.

Despite taking a wicket each, runs came far too easily as the Hopkinstown batsmen aggressively chased down their target.

At 54 for 2, play was temporarily halted while the two captains discussed the perilous

conditions. Skipper Barnes generously agreed to play on, so another acre of forest was cleared to replenish the dwindling sawdust supplies.

With the game all but over, Wanderers turned

to the wily Ellis, who quickly accounted for the impressive Hopkins for 35 with his 'surprise' good ball.

It was, however, all too late and by the time the home side knocked off the remaining few runs with 33 overs still remaining, the lubricated crowd had long retreated into the warmth of the bar.

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SISTERS SWIM FOR SUCCESS!



Ffion and Elizabeth McCulloch

TWO sisters from the Barry ASC travelled to Newport to take part in South East Wales Regional Development Meet 2011 and achieved successes in both the 8 and 11 year old age groups, the latter section being contested by some 40 swimmers.

This year, the pentathlon event took place on one day meaning that both girls had to swim all five events on the same day. The times from each event are then added together to produce the top 10 swimmers in each age group.

Ffion McCulloch, swimming in the eight-year-old age group, produced four personal bests, shaving two seconds off both her 25M backstroke and the 100M individual medley. These results meant that Ffion secured second place in the overall event.

Elizabeth McCulloch also produced four per-

sonal bests and just missed out on achieving a clean sweep by one second. The 200M individual medley saw a reduction in her previous best by some six seconds and in the 100M backstroke, a reduction of five seconds. These results meant that Elizabeth finished fourth in the overall event, just missing out on the third place spot by one second.

Although it was a very long and tiring day, the excellent results produced by both swimmers meant that everyone left feeling very happy.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members to join the club. If you would like a trial, please phone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784. We swim at Barry Leisure Centre on Mondays, Fridays and Sunday and at Cardiff International Pool on Mondays and Thursdays.

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Bridgend and Vale athletes shine in Malta

NINETEEN athletes from Barry and Vale Harriers recently flew to Malta to participate in the Malta Invitational athletic competition with phenomenal success.

The athletes competed in two competitions; junior (under-15) and senior (under-17 and under-20).

The Barry and Vale athletes, who were competing against a number of international teams, including three elite teams from England, won seven gold, three silver and 15 bronze medals.

As well as achieving a significant medal tally many also recorded personal bests in their individual performances.

This is the second year athletes from Barry and

Vale Harriers have undertaken warm-weather training in Malta.

Following the first successful visit in February 2010, the club was approached to return to participate in this year's international competition over the Easter period; a fantastic start to the season!

Athletes representing Barry and Vale Harriers: Matthew Collins, Ieuan Orton, Jacob Briscoe, Arran Reid, Tom Williams, Ellie Carter, Matthew Edwards, Danielle Close, Zoe Jenkins, Huw Bennett, Faye Gibbon, Chelsea Hutcheon, Richard Dangerfield, Tillie Carter, Carys Knapman, Emily Wooster, Genevieve Watts, Sarah Herbert and Leanne Jones.

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Imps under-15s look back on a great year – with more to come!

CADOXTON Imps under-15s have had a fantastic season this year in a competitive league, finishing as runners up and getting to the semi-final of the local cup, which was quite an achievement.

The squad included one of the Vales top keepers, Sam Rees, Davies whose outstanding talent was also recognised by Cardiff City's development academy.

There was solid defensive work from Gage Waller, Tom Dyball, Jacob Burgess, Jo Robinson and Louis Burrows; a

highly skilful, energetic and hard-working midfield with Kieron Ashton, Kieron Thomas, Kyle Solowyck, Sam Becks, Izaak Farrag and outstanding performers in Ashley Cottle, the impressive Ben Pearce and the dangerous front runners, Callum Harding, Dan Morgan and top goalscorer Jordan Williams.

The coaches said: "The lads have been superb all season. They've trained hard, showed real determination against good footballing teams and have deservedly become one of the top sides in the league."

"We are all disappointed to

have just fallen short of winning the league, but congratulations to Dinas.

"We will be coming back next season to bring the league title to Barry and, with plenty of pre-season training and the same commitment we showed last season, we will have a chance. A big thank you goes to the parents and supporters who have been fantastic all season, as has our referee Callum.

"Thanks also to Gary, Martin, Ian and all the gang at the Imps for the hard work behind the scenes. Finally, a massive thank you to the squad who have been absolutely brilliant all season."

The Cadoxton Imps Summer Ball takes place on Saturday, June 25, and consists of a three-course meal, a female vocalist, disco and prize draws.

Dinas Powys under-14s celebrate double triumph



The all-conquering Dinas Powys under-14s at the Radisson Blu Hotel. (Photograph by www.paulrobertsimages.com)

DINAS Powys under-14s football team is celebrating a double victory, after winning the Vale of Glamorgan Cup and Vale of Glamorgan League this season.

The team, which is sponsored by the Radisson Blu Hotel, beat local rivals Penarth Town to win the league with a 3-0 victory, after beating Sully 1-0 to secure the Vale of Glamorgan Cup.

Under-14s coach, Chris Daw said: "This was never going to be an easy season, as the football played at this level throughout the Vale is highly competitive. However, our team is a strong side and we are

delighted to be bringing home the Vale of Glamorgan Cup.

"To be named League champions is a huge testament to the boys, who have trained extremely hard this year."

The team, coached by Chris Daw and Giles Simpson, played 23 matches, winning 19, losing three and drawing one, scoring a total of 92 goals.

Sally Hughes, general manager of the Radisson Blu Hotel, Cardiff said: "We are delighted to support the team as they look to develop their football careers. Good clubs are at the heart of local communities and we wish the young players all the best for future success."

Squash club presentation

COWBRIDGE Squash Club will hold its club competition finals and presentation night on Saturday, June 4, at the Athletic Club.

The men's singles final will be played at 5pm in the squash club and features another clash between Welsh international and club no.1 Nick Guard, and Jon Bisson, the club's no.2.

This will be followed by the men's doubles final featuring Nick

Guard and Julian Jenkins playing the Llantwit Major duo of Garfield Leask and Colin Giles.

After the matches, at approximately 6.30pm, presentations will be made in the rugby club to the winners and runners up in both competitions, plus a player of the year award and a host of awards to the junior section.

A cold buffet will be available in the bar and all members both present and past are most welcome to attend.

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Coach Karen Davies said: "Gymnasts have

to complete a number of identified skills on the vault, bars, beam and floor to gain a high enough score to pass their grading.

"In grade 14 and 13, they also have to complete a conditioning set

which tests their flexibility and strength. Grade 14 is the first grade that gymnasts can take, and they have to be a minimum of eight years of age in the year of the event to sit the grading.

"For some of the Barry gymnasts this was their first event outside of club but this did not deter them from having a great time.

"Barry were represented in grade 14 by Kelsey Cross, Lara Watkins, Seren Williams, Saffron Maurice, Caitlin Meadows, Erin McLoughlin and Dee Clarke, all of whom passed.

"Also, Tesni Gardiner, Gabriella Hooley and Lucy Miles successfully completed their grade 13.

"Caitlin Lord, Ellie Peterson, Elisha Watkins, Ffion Jackson, Megan Sully, Sophie Birkin and Tia Ali all passed their grade 12, with Alana Stokes, Ellice Stockford and Nia Davies replicating their success in grade 11.

"Emma Worrall was entered in grade 9, which she successfully passed and placed second overall in Wales.

"Well done to all gymnasts and coaches."

KD

Cowbridge bowlers search for consistency

COWBRIDGE lady bowlers again had a mixed week of matches.

On the Monday, a rink of Mary Thomas, Pauline McAllen, Joy Woolford and May Jones went to Bridgend to play for the Vale president against the vice-president, but only managed two ends before rain stopped play, so they all played bingol!

On Thursday, the ladies played a team from Pentyrch who could only manage two rinks, but put up a good show, winning one rink and losing one.

The Cowbridge ladies had a good win on skip Shirley Wilkinson's rink, helped by

Margaret Cooper, Sylvia Hole (a new bowler) and July Springett, winning 22-7.

On Anne Jarvis's rink of Dorothy Pritchard (another new bowler), Barbara Slade and Joy Woolford, they just lost 15-16.

The men played Millwood BC twice, first in a Munro Cup match at home, winning 82-57, with wins on three of the four rinks.

Rink scores: Gerwyn Watkins, Danny Powell, Ron Woolford and skip Brian Kent won 23-17; Terry Dunsdown, Rob Lewis, Alan Wallace and skip Norman Wilkinson won 26-13; Charles Sanders, Clive Pritchard, Nick Davey and skip Ron Frayling

won 20-1.

The only losing rink was skip Bryon Richards' by 13-21.

Then, on the Saturday in a friendly match away at Millwood, there was a reversal, with Cowbridge men losing on all four rinks by 36-99. The best rink was Roger Barwick's who lost 15-23. The other members were Derek Woolley, Clive Pritchard and John Jones.

Other rink scores: Dennis Snelling's rink lost 8-21; Norman Wilkinson's rink lost 6-29; and Bryon Richards' rink lost 7-26.

Not the best of weeks!

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Sponsors' Cup Day held at St Andrews Major

LEFT: The winning team, the 'Tooty Frooties' from left to right are Norman Weaver (club president), Rachel Hooper, Sam Low, Karen Blatchford, Helen Tweddle and John Bryan (club captain).

ST ANDREWS Major Golf Club has recently seen a hive of activity for main club events.

Starting on Sunday, May 15, there was the Andy Anderson Memorial Shield where, despite horrendous weather, Harry Emery retained the title for the second year, on count back from Lindsey Lock in second place and Jeff Westcott in third.

The second round of the Ghurkas Trophy took place on Monday which was won by Mike James, with Barry Velda second and Alan Bannister in third place.

Throughout the week there were several individual singles and pairs competition matches and on Saturday, May 21, the club held the annual Sponsors Cup day, which was attended by 23 teams of four contestants from local businesses and club members.

The day started with coffee and bacon rolls followed by 18 holes of Stableford competition then a two-course meal on return to the clubhouse followed by the prize presentations.

There were many individual and team prizes given out on the day but, unfortunately, the star 'Hole in One' prize of a brand new Nissan Juke, sponsored by Wessex Garages, was not won.

However, Brian Sullivan did win a Nissan Juke for the weekend in the prize draw!

The winning team were the 'Tooty Frooties', recruited from the club's ladies section with M & R Plumbing in second place and the club's Crazy Gang in third place.

Russell Barnett had the best individual Stableford score. Cian Brendan-Gavin (a former member of Only Men Aload), got nearest the pin on the 15th (which was also the Nissan Juke 'Hole in One' prize tee!).

Sunday was also the Champion of Champions Trophy, where all the competition winners from last year play for the coveted trophy.

Despite gale force winds and frequent showers, there were several excellent scores.

Deana Jukes took first place ahead of Helen Tweddle in second and Mike Preece in third place. Full results can be found on the members website www.samgolfclub.com.

JOHN LOCK

Barry under-8s' plate success



ON Sunday, Barry RFC held a tag tournament for their under-7s and under-8s teams, with teams from the local Blues region attending.

Barry, who have two under-8s teams, played very well, with some amazing tagging, and not to mention great teamwork, leading to some fantastic tries.

It was a very successful day with the Barry under-8s A team winning the Plate for the club.

All under-8s boys and girls are now looking forward to the new season in September when they start tackling, with training taking place throughout the summer.

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BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

Will Wales really get a licence to thrill?

AS Wales open their quartet of summer preliminaries to autumn's Rugby World Cup at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium on Saturday, supporters can be sure of only one thing – if history is any guide, it is likely to be a free-scoring affair.

Lining up against a Wales side for only the eighth time, hot foot from Twickenham where they overcame England Saxons 38-32 last weekend, are the familiar black and white hoops of the famed Barbarians, whose unabashed ethos is adventure and attack.

The Baabaas have tamed the red dragon five times in their seven previous encounters, beginning on April 17, 1915 at Cardiff Arms Park in a game billed as a military international between Wales and England, though the latter also included two Irishmen, and a lone Welshman who had been capped by South Africa!

Wales lost the wartime morale booster 10-26 and have won only twice since – in 1996

(31-10) and in 2004 (42-0) recording a rare whitewash in the seven clashes that all told have yielded a combined total of 400 points for the two sides.

Unlike England, Wales will be awarding full caps against the world's most famous 'scratch' team – controversial, yes, but perhaps an indication that head coach Warren Gatland does not view this as a light-hearted, end of season throw-about, but serious game time preparation for his projected World Cup squad.

It is an opportunity not only to assess individual form, but also the collective morale of players who have had precious little to celebrate in yet another disappointing season that has seen the four Welsh regions again fail to perform in Europe, as well as the Magners league

In fact, if anything, playing standards have regressed – with the Blues and Ospreys in particular causing most concern, given their superior resources – and their importance to the national squad, especially in World Cup year.

The abrupt axing this week of Cardiff

City manager, Dave Jones, brought into stark relief the harsh contrast between the two sports when it comes to dealing with a team's repeated failures, and should not have been lost on his rugby equivalents.

In the continuing fall-out from Wales' lacklustre Six Nations displays, an embattled Gatland has felt compelled to defend himself against charges that Welsh play has become too 'conservative' under his management.

"That is definitely not the way we like to play, or coach," he has insisted. "We encourage players to go out there and make the right decisions, to play heads-up rugby. We want to be smart and take some risks against the Barbarians".

The fact that some young faces, including Dragons' rising star, Toby Faletau, were in the match squad was "an indication of how we want to play. We are giving the players a licence to thrill".

Bold words, indeed, but it remains to be seen if Wales can eliminate the basic errors and indiscipline that have undone so many promising performances in the past, never

mind go on to achieve the fluidity and ruthless precision that is an absolute pre-requisite for lasting success at the highest level.

Certainly, there is precious little time for Gatland & Co to experiment and "take some risks", with RWC 2011 now looming ever larger on the horizon, though at least there is nothing more at stake than national pride on Saturday.

Even so, Gatland's starting line-up will be keenly scrutinised when it is announced later today, to confirm "indications of how we want them to play".

Meanwhile, the Ospreys, in particular will face even more competition next season, when stylish Swansea City proudly take their place in football's Premier League.

With the prospect of the likes of Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea drawing in massive crowds to the Liberty Stadium, it could well have a marked effect on attendances at Ospreys matches.

Unless, of course, the latter follow Gatland's expressed intention of giving players "a licence to thrill".

Disappointing end to season for team

DINAS SLUMP AS HOSTS SURVIVE

DINAS completed their fixtures with a below par performance, going down 2-1 at Treharris, hardly surprising when, through suspensions, injuries and work commitments, they only had 12 players to choose from and manager Marc Cahill was forced to play several players in unaccustomed positions.

The hosts settled quickly and had a chance in the 10th minute when Thomas Harris found Alun Thomas, but his shot was off target.

The visitors replied when Dunford saw Treharris' keeper Robert Jones off his line and lobbed the ball over him, but it just cleared the crossbar.

Dinas had a couple more chances when an inch-perfect flick through from Ricki

TREHARRIS ATHLETIC WESTERN DINAS POWYS

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Morgan played Barrie Gunstone in, but Jones came off his line to just beat him to the ball.

This was followed by a Dinas free kick from 25 yards which Morgan dummied to take and Gunstone tried to bend round the wall but the wind lifted his effort over the bar.

As the half wore on, Treharris were finding their men better and creating more chances, coming very close on the half hour mark when, after an initial free-kick was cleared, Nathan Matthews found Thomas in space and his low shot went just the wrong side of the post with Dinas' keeper Dave Burnett beaten.

They came even closer five minutes later when a powerful header from Matthew Glassey cannoned off the crossbar and was cleared. The half ended goalless

with the hosts just on top.

Early in the second half, Ricki Morgan went on a fine individual run, evading three or four tackles but his shot was parried by Jones and the danger was cleared. This was followed by an acrobatic volley from Dunford from a corner but Jones got down well.

Treharris finally broke the deadlock 10 minutes into the half when Ross Porter took a diagonal free kick from deep in his own half and Harris beat the off-side trap to run in and head home from 10 yards.

Dinas then rang the changes, bringing on Joe Briscoe for Barrie Gunstone, and almost levelled when a good ball from Morgan found Liam Jones wide on the right, and he put in an excellent low

cross which Rob Jones managed to dive on and smother with bodies all around him.

The hosts extended their lead with 25 minutes to go when an initial punched clearance from Burnett found Glassey, who beat his marker to slot home, giving Burnett no chance.

Just five minutes later, Dinas pulled a goal back when a great cross from Gareth Tedstone found Liam Jones and he gave the 'keeper no chance with a powerful shot from eight yards.

Dinas had one last chance late in the game when, from a corner, Ricki Morgan twisted and turned to eventually get a shot away, but Jones was equal to it.

The final whistle was greeted with huge celebrations from the home supporters as the news came through that Ton Pentre had beaten Abertillery Bluebirds and therefore Treharris had escaped relegation by one place.

Dinas squad: 1 Dave Burnett, 2 Callum McKenzie, 3 Ben Dimond, 4 Mike Hayward, 5 Steve Provis, 6 Jon Carpentier, 7 Ricki Morgan, 8 Liam Jones, 9 Mark Dunford, 10 Barrie Gunstone, 11 Gareth Tedstone, 12 Joe Briscoe.

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Pictured at the awards night are members of the successful Vale men's teams.

Successful year for Vale Badminton Club teams

THE Vale Badminton Club scored an impressive treble at the Cardiff and District League awards night.

The club, which plays at Cwbridge Leisure Centre, picked up Men's Division 1, Division 3 and Division 4B titles, with two of their teams going unbeaten all season.

They also finished runners-up to Penarth A in the Mixed Division 1.

The Vale club chairman, Allan Evans, said: "It has been a terrific season for the club. The men's A team retained their title after a fierce battle with rivals Nomads and first pair Chris Rees and Rob John have been an outstanding combination all season."

"The A team has been hit by injuries and tournament commitments but it has been really pleasing to see players step up from the other sides to make a valuable contribution to the team's success."

"The B team were unbeaten in Division 3 under the guidance of Nathan Wilcox and even when Nathan was injured for the second half of the season, the strength in depth of the club was sufficient to see us through to the title."

"The C team romped to success in Division 4B, barely dropping a rubber all season under the captaincy of Danny Teague."

Allan added: "What was equally pleasing at the awards night was that one of stalwart players, Glyn Morris, won the league's prestigious 'fair play' award, recognition by other clubs of his sporting nature both on and off the court."

Vale A: Chris Rees, Joe Morgan, Huw John, Rob John, Barry Granham, Darius Granham.

Vale B: Martin Dix, Glyn Morris, Bryon Edwards, Nigel Brauntun, Matt Obaid, Jack Farrington, Nathan Wilcox.

Vale C: Len Field, Rob Calcaterra, Allan Evans, Danny Teague, Simon Farrington, Chris Rowbotham, Dave Skinner, Andrew Kyle.

In the ladies divisions, Penarth and Arches took the Division 1 and 2 titles respectively, while

Nomads B won Men's Division 2 and Reardon Smith A, the men's Division 4B title.

In the Mixed leagues, Penarth A, Llantrisant A, Llantrisant B, Reardon Smith A and Bridgend won Divisions one to five respectively.

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